PROCEEDINGS

OF

THE GRAND CHAPTER,

OF

Royal Arch Masons of Canada,

AT THE

FIFTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

HELD

AT THE CITY OF LONDON, ON THE THIRD WEDNESDAY,
THE 19TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, A.L., 5862, A.D., 1862.

Ordered to be read in all Chapters and preserved.

ADDRESS:

JOHN CHARLES FRANCK, BELLEVILLE, GRAND Z.
THOMAS BIRD HARRIS, HAMILTON, GRAND SCRIBE E.

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PROCEEDINGS.

At the Fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, held in the Masonic Hall, at the City of London, on the third Wednesday, the 19th day of February, A.L., 5862, A.D., 1862.

PRESENT:

M. E. Comp. John Charles Franck, Grand Z.
R. " " Edwin Heathfield, " H.
" " " William B. Simpson, " J.
On the Throne.

" " " Thomas Bird Harris, Grand Scribe E.
" " " George W. Whitehead, " " N.
" " " Thomas J. Angel, " Prin'l Sojourner.
" " " David Curtis, " Treasurer.
" " " James Moffatt, as " Registrar.
V. " " James Seymour, as " 1st As't Sojourner.
" " " Charles Kahn, as " 2nd "
" " " James M. Bennett, as " Sword Bearer.
" " " A. Huntington, as " Standard Bearer.
" " " C. J. Starling, as " Dir. of Cer.
" " " W. B. Ozborn, as " Organist.
" " " William Daniell, as " Pursuivant.
" Thomas C. McMullen, " Janitor.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS OF DISTRICTS.

R. E. Comp. F. Richardson, Toronto District.
" " " George F. La Serre, Central District,

A constitutional number of Chapters being represented, the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada was opened in Ample form.

The Grand Scribes E. and N. having examined the Register, reported the following Representatives and Proxies, of regularly Warranted Chapters, present, as also, the Representative and Proxy of Chapters under Dispensation in attendance, and recommend that they be admitted and allowed to take part in the proceedings of Grand Chapter.

No. 1. ANCIENT FRONTENAC, KINGSTON.

R. E. Comp. William B. Simpson, Z.
" " George F. La Serre, P.Z.

No. 2. THE HIRAM, HAMILTON.

R. E. Comp. Thomas B. Harris, P. Z.
" " David Curtis, (proxy.)

No. 3. ST. JOHN'S, LONDON.

E. Comp. James Moffatt, Z.
" Ed. Glackmeyer.

No. 4. ST. ANDREW'S, TORONTO.

R. E. Comp. Francis Richardson, P. Z.

No. 5. ST. GEORGE'S, LONDON.

R. E. Comp. Edwin Heathfield, P. Z.
" " James M. Bennett, Z.
" " Thomas McMullen, G. Janitor.

No. 6. ST. JOHN'S HAMILTON.

R. E. Comp. Thomas B. Harris, Z.
" " " David Curtis, (proxy.)

No. 7. MORIA, BELLEVILLE.

M. E. Comp. John C. Franck, Z.
" Cornelius J. Starling,
R. E. " George F La Serre, (proxy.)

No. 8. KING SOLOMON'S, TORONTO.

R. E. Comp. Thomas B. Harris, (proxy.)

No. 9. GOLDEN RULE, STANSTEAD.

R. E. Comp. Thomas B. Harris, (proxy.)

No. 10. KILWINNING, LONDON.

R. E. Comp. William Daniell, Z.

No. 12. CATARAQUI, KINGSTON.

R. E. Comp. Thomas J. Angel, P. Z.

No. 16. CARLETON, OTTAWA.

R. E. Comp. George F. La Serre, (proxy.)

No. 17. DORCHESTER, ST. JOHNS.

R. E. Comp. Thomas B. Harris, (proxy.)

No. 18. OXFORD, WOODSTOCK.

R. E. Comp. George W. Whitehead, Z.

No. 19. MOUNT MORIAH, ST. CATHARINES.

V. E. Comp. James Seymour, Z.

No. 20. MOUNT HOREB, BRANTFORD.

R. E. Comp. David Curtis, Z.
" " " A. Huntington, H.

U. D. GRENVILLE, PRESCOTT.

R. E. Comp. George F. La Serre, (proxy.)

U. D. EZRA, SIMCOE.

E. Comp. Charles Kahn, Z.
" W. B. Ozborn.

On motion, the Report from the Grand Scribes was received and adopted.

A number of Companions being in attendanee, the M.E.Z. gave permission for their being admitted as visitors.

The Grand Scribe E. read the Rules and Regulations for the government of Grand Chapter during public business

The Grand Scribe E. commenced reading the minutes of proceedings of the Grand Chapter at its last Annual Convocation, held at the town of Belleville, on the 20th day of February, 1861, when he was interrupted, and the following resolution submitted :—

Moved by R. E. Comp. W. B. Simpson, seconded by V. E. Comp. William Daniell, and resolved,—

That whereas the Proceedings at the last Annual Convocation have been printed, and the same having been distributed to all the Chapters, the minutes be considered read, and as such, confirmed.

The M.E.Z. read the following Address to the assembled Companions, on matters which he deemed it necessary to be brought prominently before the present Convocation for consideration :—

ADDRESS.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

COMPANIONS:

We are once more by the mercy of the great "I AM," suffered to meet in Annual Convocation, to render such an account of our actions throughout the past year, and to consider such measures for the advancement of the Craft in time to come, as may be most acceptable to Him whose approbation alone should be, and I sincerely trust, is our steadfast aim in all our undertakings.

Assembled around our sacred altar, I feel convinced the Companions cannot and will not forget the duties which they owe to their God, their Companions and themselves; to their God by endeavoring to perform their work to his Glory; to their Companions by candor, patience, and indulgence in all matters to come before them, and to themselves by keeping steadily in view in all their legislation, those high principles of morality and virtue

which are taught and ever impressed on our minds, in the Supreme Chapters of the Holy Royal Arch.

On returning to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada, the Sceptre, a year since so kindly and I may truly say undeservedly entrusted to my care, I can safely lay my hand upon my heart, and say that I have endeavored to preserve the same as unsullied as it came to me, and to have succeeded in this, my most anxious wish, would be to me a source of the highest gratification.

The progress of Royal Arch Masonry within the Province, cannot fail to answer, if indeed it does not exceed the fondest hopes and anticipations of every true lover of the Art. The Convention of Royal Arch Masons which met at the City of Hamilton, on the 19th day of January, 1857, and then established the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, consisted of three chapters only. At our first Annual Convocation held in the same City, on the 17th day of February, 1858, four chapters were represented, and now after the lapse of but four years, we number twenty-one, and two under dispensation, with twenty-three subordinate Chapters under this jurisdiction, and I have no hesitation in adding that I am led from personal observation to anticipate, within a very short period, a steady increase to the number.

To enter upon a retrospect of the occurrences of the last year, it becomes my first and most mournful duty to record the loss the Royal Craft has sustained in the death of the Prince Consort, and to invite this Grand Chapter to pass a humble address of condolence to our Most Gracious and beloved Sovereign, whom may the Great Architect of the Universe long preserve to reign over us.

In accordance with the resolution adopted by this Grand Chapter, at the last Annual Convocation, I have caused the Grand Scribe E. to transmit to Right Excellent Companion Alexander James Stewart, our Warrant, appointing him the Representative of this Grand Chapter at the Grand Chapter of Scotland. In his letter of acknowledgment, he expresses his sincere and heartfelt thanks for the honor conferred upon him, and at the same time assures us that he will do all in his power to maintain the friendly relations at present existing with the sister Grand Body in Scotland.

The instructions of this Grand Chapter with respect to the action

of the Grand Chapter of England, in issuing a Warrant for a Chapter at the City of Ottawa, have been carried out. A communication of which a copy is hereunto annexed has been sent by the Grand Scribe E. to the Supreme Grand Chapter of England. The reply, a copy of which is hereunto annexed, dated at Freemason's Hall, London, November 12th, 1861, shews that the Communication was read at a meeting of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, in August last, and that it, and the question therein involved, were referred to the Committee on general purposes, whose report thereon was afterwards approved and adopted. A copy of this Report is also hereunto annexed. The Report would appear to rest to a certain extent upon the assumption, that the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of Canada are so united and blended together, that stipulations and conditions which would be binding upon the Grand Lodge of Canada, in its intercourse with the Grand Lodge of England, must be equally binding upon the Grand Chapter of Canada in its intercourse with the Grand Chapter of England, apparently ignoring the fact that the two bodies in this Province are separate and distinct. It sets forth that at the time of the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Canada by the Grand Lodge of England, the latter reserved to the few Lodges in Canada, who then signified their desire to retain their connection with the mother Grand Lodge, recognition of their position, with all their masonic privileges and those of their members respectively. The Committee do not deny the unconditional acknowledgment of the Grand Chapter of Canada on the 10th of February, 1860, which in fact is stated in the Report in the following words: "In the name and on behalf of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, they, the Grand Principals fully recognize the Grand Chapter of Canada, reserving however, to all Chapters *now* in Canada, who are *still* holding Charters under the Grand Chapter of England, as also to all English Royal Arch Masons, all their rights, titles and privileges, as fully and freely as though the Grand Chapter of Canada had not been formed," but they advance opinions and arguments for the course they have pursued, which, for the sake of convenience and of putting fairly and clearly before you, I will arrange as follows:—

(1.) "That in accordance with the arrangements entered into

under the Act of Union in 1813, that pure Ancient Masonry consists of three Degrees, and no more, viz., those of the Entered Apprentice, the Fellow Craft and the Master Mason, including the Supreme order of the Holy Royal Arch."

(2.) "That the privilege of every Mason, initiated under the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of England, is that of taking all his Degrees in full under that Constitution."

(3.) "That the Brethren of every Lodge, have the inalienable right of seeking to have a Royal Arch Chapter attached to the Lodge, in order to enable them to complete their Degrees, if they wish to do so, and in case of their not being sufficient Royal Arch Chapters in the neighborhood."

(4.) "That under the arrangements entered into between the Grand Lodge, and Grand Chapter of England, and the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of Canada, they have not only the right, but are *bound* to afford to all Lodges and Masons in Canada, holding under the Grand Lodge of England, the means of completing, under the English Constitution, their Degrees, if they do not already possess them, by attaching a Chapter to each Lodge."

These arguments which, when subjected to the scrutiny of a full and careful perusal, must appear labored in the extreme, can in my opinion be easily and successfully refuted. To the first argument I would reply, that it is, to say the least of it, questionable whether this Grand Chapter can entertain those arrangements, seeing that it has admitted the intermediate degrees between those of the Master Mason, and the Holy Royal Arch. To the second I would say, that while it cannot be denied that any Brother initiated under the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of England, nay we go further, any Brother initiated under any Constitution, that of the Grand Lodge of Canada not excepted, has the undoubted right to be exalted in a Chapter holding a warrant from the Grand Chapter of England, or any other Grand Chapter, yet it does not follow, nor is it reasonable, that he should also have the right to claim the granting of a Charter, for a Chapter to be attached to the particular Lodge in which he was made, nor can it be possible that the Brethren of every Lodge have that inalienable right, which is given them by the Report, as such a position would render the Grand Chapter of England subordinate to the dictates of private

Lodges, at least as far as the granting of warrants is concerned. Lastly, whatever the rights and privileges of Brethren and Lodges may be in the opinion of the Committee, approved by the Grand Chapter of England, certain it is that these rights and privileges should have been considered at the time of recognition, when the only reservation made, was as admitted by the Committee, the reserving to all Chapters, who were then holding Charters under the Grand Chapter of England, as also to all English Royal Arch Masons, all their rights, titles, and privileges, as fully and freely as though the Grand Chapter of Canada had not been formed. The terms of that recognition alone, bind this Grand Chapter, by those terms we are willing to abide, and those terms the Supreme Grand Chapter of England is in duty bound to maintain. I have caused these my views to be embodied in a dispatch to the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, a copy of which is herewith annexed, and which is respectfully submitted for the consideration of this Grand Chapter.

On Petitions duly recommended by the District Grand Superintendents, I have granted Dispensations for two new Chapters, namely,on the 10th day of June, 1861, to the "Grenville" Chapter at Prescott, and on the 12th day of December, 1861, to the "Ezra" Chapter, Simcoe, the confirmation thereof will be submitted to Grand Chapter, during this session.

Many other Petitions for special Dispensations have had my anxious consideration, all, with the exception of one which I granted for making a serving Companion free of charge, were prayed for under Constitution, section six of subordinate Chapters. It gave me much pleasure to have it in my power to grant the prayer of several of these Petitions, but again there were some, which to my regret, I felt called upon to refuse. From the very many applications in all instances strongly recommended and apparently with good reason, rendering Dispensations under this section, the rule, rather than the exception, a revision of this portion of our Constitution would appear advisable. I have been asked for my decision upon the point, whether a District Grand Superintendent can grant a Dispensation under this section, and have ruled in the negative. I cannot here refrain from noticing

that no schedule of fees has been adopted by Grand Chapter for special Dispensations, and I would recommend that some provision on this point should be made, more especially as the Grand Chapter is entirely dependent for income upon the fees arising from Warrants, Registrations and Certificates, and in consequence, in its present rather straitened financial condition, can do little if anything, more than to pay current expenses, and is not in a position to assist in any charitable undertaking, such as the erection of the Masonic Asylum, which I am aware is now in contemplation by the Grand Lodge of Canada, although I have not received any official information concerning the same, and other Masonic Charities and laudable purposes, which from time to time Grand Chapter may be desirous of originating or helping. A notice of motion requiring subordinate Chapters to pay an annual fee for every member thereof, to the funds of Grand Chapter, is now pending and will, I doubt not, receive that consideration which the importance of the subject deserves.

It may be of use here to mention other notices of motion which will probably claim the attention of Grand Chapter. Right Excellent Companion Simpson, gave notice at the last Annual Convocation, that he would move an amendment to the Constitution to alter the time of meeting of Grand Chapter; also to re-consider that portion of Constitution referring to the balloting of candidates and the forms of application. At the same Convocation, Most Excellent Companion Thompson Wilson, in his report as Grand Superintendent for the London District, gave notice that at the present regular Convocation of Grand Chapter, he would move that the veils be not used in the ceremony of exaltation, as they have no reference to that degree. The Committee to whom the reports from the Grand Superintendents were referred, state, that the remarks made by this eminent companion concerning the veils are of the utmost importance, and recommend that a Committee on Constitutions and Regulations be then appointed to take the matter into consideration, and to be prepared to report thereon at the present Annual Convocation. I thereupon appointed Right Excellent Companions W. C. Stephens, Thos. B. Harris, and S. B. Harman, a Standing Committee on Constitutions and Regulations, whose report will I doubt not be laid before you. I

have received a letter from M. E. Comp. Thompson Wilson, Past Grand Z., of Canada, dated at Woolwich Common, on the 21st of January, 1862, requesting me to take charge of his motion in his absence and advancing many arguments in support thereof, I have handed this letter to the Grand Scribe, E., to be laid before Grand Chapter when the motion comes up for discussion. It would be of course quite out of place to review in my address, any arguments *pro.*, or *con.*, respecting this or any other motion to come before Grand Chapter. I do, however, deem it necessary to remind Grand Chapter that the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, before the recognition herein-before mentioned, namely in a letter addressed on the 7th day of October, 1859, to Most Excellent Companion Harington, then Grand Z., of Canada, enquires "whether an installed Principal under the English Constitution, is permitted to enter any one of our Chapters, to be present at the opening, and to remain and witness the whole of our Ceremonies from the opening to the closing of the Chapter. To which Most Excellent Companion Harington, on the 20th day of December, 1859, replies: "Any Royal Arch Mason whether an installed Principal or not, can enter any one of our Chapters as freely as his own, be present at the opening, and remain and witness the whole Ceremony of Exaltation, and assist at the closing of the Chapter. He need not retire therefrom for one moment, unless by his own desire, made known in the usual manner." The letter from the Grand Chapter of England, dated February 10th, 1860, recites the above assurance, and founds the recognition of this Grand Chapter thereon. Laying aside all other reasons, it remains to be decided whether under these circumstances, the veils if considered necessary, are not better imparted in some intermediate degree.

During the session I shall communicate to the Committee on Constitutions and Regulations some other alterations in our Constitution, which to me seem desirable.

All By-Laws submitted to me by Subordinate Chapters, have received my careful attendance.

During the recess I have visited officially the Chapters in Montreal, Kingston, Belleville, Toronto, Hamilton, London and Woodstock.

My wish and determination to visit all the Chapters working

under this jurisdiction have been frustrated by circumstances of a domestic nature. A small number of the Chapters have kindly favored me with notices of their Convocations, by means of which I have been enabled to embrace every available opportunity of being present at their meetings, and thus to enjoy more frequent visits than otherwise I could possibly have done. I must be here permitted to express my most heartfelt thanks to the Companions of the Chapters I have visited, for the very kind and cordial reception they have ever accorded to me.

The only painful visit I have to record is one to Toronto on the occasion of my following the remains of my old friend and valued Companion Ridout, to the grave. The position of our late Right Excellent Companion, as a man of honor and integrity, to which the whole Province bears testimony, his position amongst us, his services, his acts and his conduct as a Mason, lead us to arrive at the cherished conclusion that he has safely reached the only proper goal of human ambition, and that he has arrived at the Grand Chapter Eternal in the heavens, where the world's great Architect liveth and reigneth from everlasting to everlasting.

I have been relieved from much duty by the kind and valuable assistance rendered me by the Grand Superintendents of Districts, whose reports will, without doubt, prove of much interest to Grand Chapter; the Grand Superintendent of the Central District, Right Excellent Companion La Serre, has further, at my request, prepared a Report on Foreign Correspondence, and I feel satisfied you will join me in gratefully acknowledging the services so kindly and disinterestedly rendered by our Right Excellent Companion.

My labors have been further lightened by the close attention to business of that invaluable officer, the Grand Scribe, E., who has by every means in his power rendered me most valuable assistance.

In obedience to Section Fifteen of the Constitution, I consider it my duty to note that the Grand Lodge of Canada, at their last Annual Communication, excluded Companion Stedman B. Campbell, from all privileges of Free Masonry for the space of two years, from the tenth day of July last past, at the expiration of that period, on the fulfilment of certain conditions, he is to be reinstated to his former standing in the Craft, otherwise to be expelled with-

out further action of Grand Lodge. It remains for Grand Chapter to consider and decide whether this Companion shall likewise be excluded from his Arch Masonic Functions.

I do not think that any of my predecessors have brought under the consideration of Grand Chapter the expulsions and suspensions of the Grand Lodge of Canada. I would, therefore, advise that Grand Chapter strike a Committee to examine into, and report through the Grand Principals, or any of them the names of all Companions suspended or expelled by the Grand Lodge of Canada, since the establishment of this Grand Chapter.

At a time when peace, happiness, and prosperity reign within our borders, it may be deemed selfish, were I to close this address without alluding to the unfortunate troubles now afflicting our neighbors and Companions of the Northern and Southern States, let us earnestly hope that the precepts of our ancient and honorable institution may not be overlooked by the Brethren and Companions on either side, but that they may prove and form, or at least assist in forming, the means of an amicable settlement of their unnatural and unfortunate differences.

And I pray the Great Jehovah, to continue to this Province, the high state of prosperity vouchsafed unto us, and to pour down upon this Grand Chapter assembled in his Holy name, the continual dew of that blessing, which alone can accomplish the object of all earthly undertakings.

JOHN CHARLES FRANCK, *Grand Z.,*
Grand Chapter of R.A.M. of Canada.

GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA,
London, Feb. 19*th*, A.D., 1862, A.I. 2392.

[Correspondence with the Supreme G.C. of England, referred to in the M.E.Z.'s Address.]

" GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA,
" OFFICE OF THE GRAND SCRIBE E.
" Hamilton, 13th June, 1861.

" R.E. COMPANION AND DEAR SIR,

" I have the honor herewith to transmit a copy of Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Canada, at the Annual Convocation, held at Belleville, on the 20th February last, and by command of the

M. E. Z., I am, in accordance with the instructions of the Grand Chapter, to communicate through you, R. E. Sir, to the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, the consideration at that Convocation of the action of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, in issuing a Chapter Warrant to the 'Dalhousie' Lodge, No. 835, on the registry of the United Grand Lodge of England, at Ottawa, C.W.

"The subject was introduced in the M. E. Z.'s address, as a matter of grave importance, involving a principle which he conceived to be irreconcilable with the terms of your letter of the 10th February, 1860, by which the constitutional position of the Grand Chapter of Canada was recognized by the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, in the following words: 'I am instructed to state that in the name and on the behalf of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, they, the Grand Principals, fully recognize the Grand Chapter of Canada, reserving, however, to all Chapters *now* in Canada, who are still holding charters under the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, all their rights and privileges.'

"The M.E.Z. further felt that if the issuing of a Warrant by the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, for a new Chapter in Canada, was passed over or assented to by the Grand Chapter of Canada, it would establish a precedent that would not fail to endanger the friendly understanding now happily existing between the two Grand Chapters.

"The Grand Chapter concurred in the view entertained on the subject by the M. E. Z., and painful as they felt the task to be, they nevertheless considered it their imperative duty at once, kindly, but firmly, to remonstrate with the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, on the irregularity of the course pursued in the issuing of this Warrant, and the consequent infringement on the privileges of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Canada, also to urge the reconsideration of the subject, feeling confidently assured that further reflection must result in an order for the immediate withdrawal of the Warrant.

"I have the honor to remain,

"R.E. Companion and Dear Sir,

"Yours faithfully and fraternally,

"THOS. B. HARRIS,

"*Grand Scribe E.*"

"R. E. Companion,

"WM. GRAY CLARKE, ESQ.,

"*Grand Scribe E.*, England."

"FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON,
"12th Nov., 1861.

"EXCELLENT COMPANION AND DEAR SIR,

"I have already communicated to you that at the stated meeting of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, held in the month of August last, your letter dated the 13th of June, 1861, was read. and the matter therein alluded to, namely, the granting of a Charter by the Supreme Grand Chapter for a Royal Arch Chapter to be attached to the 'Dalhousie' Lodge, No. 835, at Ottawa, Canada West, was remitted back to the Committee of General Purposes, with directions to examine all the correspondence that had passed between the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, and the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and also between the Supreme Grand Chapter of England and the Grand Chapter of Canada, and having reference to the reservation of the rights and privileges of such Lodges and Chapters, and such Craft and Royal Arch Masons in Canada, who have preferred to maintain their allegiance to the Masonic authorities in this country from whom they severally emanated, rather than place themselves under the Grand Lodge or the Grand Chapter of Canada, and to report thereon to the Supreme Grand Chapter, in November.

"And I have now the honor to inform you that at the Quarterly Convocation of Grand Chapter, holden at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday last, the 6th instant, the Committee made their report, of which I enclose you two copies, and that the said report having been read it was unanimously resolved 'That that portion of the report embodying the opinion of the Committee on the matter at issue between this Grand Chapter, and the Grand Chapter of Canada, be approved and adopted,' and it was further resolved that this discussion of the Supreme Grand Chapter be communicated to you for the information of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

"I have the honor to subscribe myself,

"Your very faithful Servant and Brother,

(Signed,) "WM. GRAY CLARKE,
"*G. Scribe E. of the Supreme G. Chapter of England.*"

"*E. Comp.* THOS. BIRD HARRIS,
"*Grand Scribe E. of the Grand Chapter of Canada,*
"*Hamilton, C. W.*"

[Extract from the Report of the Committee of General Purposes, referred to in the foregoing letter.]

"The Committee beg also to report that, in pursuance of a resolution passed at the last Quarterly Convocation of the Grand Chapter, having reference to an objection raised by the Grand Chapter of Canada, against the recent grant of a Royal Arch Charter for a Chapter to be attached to the 'Dalhousie' Lodge, No. 835, at Ottawa, Canada West, on the alleged grounds that the establishing of such Chapter was in contravention of the terms on which the Grand Chapter of Canada had been recognized by the Supreme Grand Chapter, they have carefully examined all the correspondence that has passed between the Grand Masters and Grand Lodges of England and of Canada, and also between the respective authorities on behalf of the Grand Chapters of the two countries; and they beg to call the attention of Grand Chapter to the fact that, in the letter of the Grand Secretary, of the 16th December, 1858, written by command of the M.W. Grand Master, the rights and privileges of all Lodges and individual masons holding under the Grand Lodge of England, were especially reserved, in the following words: 'As, however, there are some few Lodges in Canada West who have signified their desire to retain their attachment to, and immediate connection with, the Grand Lodge of England, from whom they received the Warrants, the Grand Lodge and the Grand Master feel that they are not at liberty to withdraw their protection from such Lodges against their will, and therefore claim for them, from the Grand Lodge of Canada, recognition of their present position, *with all their Masonic privileges, and those of their members respectively.* The M.W. Grand Master feels that this is simply an act of justice, and based on the same principle as that enunciated in your communication.' And these rights and privileges were acknowledged by the Grand Master of Canada (Brother Wm. M. Wilson), in a letter, dated the 9th February, 1859, addressed to the M.W. Grand Master, the Earl of Zetland, in the following words: 'I have ever held and frequently expressed the opinion, that any subordinate Lodge, preferring to continue under their English Warrant, had a perfect and undoubted right to do so; and were entitled, not only to a recognition from us,

but to all their Masonic privileges.' The Committee also find in the letter of the Grand Scribe, E., dated the 10th of Februay, 1860, announcing the recognition of the Grand Chapter of Canada by the Supreme Grand Chapter, the following words, viz.: "I am instructed to state that, in the name and on behalf of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, they, the Grand Principals, fully recognize the Grand Chapter of Canada; reserving, however, to all Chapters now in Canada, who are still holding Charters under the Grand Chapter of England, as also to all English Royal Arch Masons, all their rights, titles and privileges, as fully and freely as though the Grand Chapter of Canada had not been formed.'

"It will therefore be seen that in every instance have the rights and privileges of Lodges, and of the members of those Lodges, been fully reserved; and the Committee are of opinion that the great privilege of every Mason initiated under the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of England, is that of taking all his degrees in full under that Constitution; and it is 'declared and pronounced'—in accordance with the arrangements entered into under the Act of Union, in 1813, that—'pure Ancient Masonry consists of three degrees and no more, viz:—those of the Entered Apprentice, the Fellow Craft, and the Master Mason, including the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch.'

"It has always been held by the Grand Chapter, that the Brethren of every Lodge have the inalienable right of seeking to have a Royal Arch Chapter attached to the Lodge, in order to enable them to complete their degrees, if they wish to do so, and in case of there not being sufficient Royal Arch Chapters in the neighborhood.

"The Committee, therefore, feel that under the arrangements entered into between the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of England, and the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of Canada, they have not only the right, but are bound to afford to all Lodges and Masons, in Canada, holding under the Grand Lodge of England, the means of completing, under the English Constitution, their degrees, if they do not already possess them, by attaching a Chapter to each Lodge. But it is perfectly clear that, inasmuch as the Grand Master of England has pledged himself not to grant any new Warrants for Lodges in Canada, the power of the Grand

Chapter is limited to those Lodges already existing in Canada; and no new Chapter can be granted, excepting in connection with a Lodge existing prior to the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Canada by the Grand Lodge of England, at the Quarterly Communication holden on the 1st December, 1858."

"GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA,
"OFFICE OF THE GRAND SCRIBE E.,
"*Hamilton*, 28*th January*, 1862.

"WM. GRAY CLARKE, ESQ.,
"*Grand Scribe E.*

"DEAR SIR AND R. E. COMPANION,—

"By command of the M. E. Z., I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 12th November last, conveying the information that the complaint of the Grand Chapter of Canada, in the matter of the issuing of a Royal Arch Warrant to certain Royal Arch Masons, and to be attached to 'Dalhousie' Lodge, No. 835, E.R., at the city of Ottawa, had been re-submitted to the Grand Chapter of England, at its Quarterly Convocation holden on the 6th of the same month, when the General Committee had presented their Report, two copies of which I have received and for which you will please accept my thanks, and that so much thereof as referred to the Grand Chapter of Canada was unanimously received and adopted.

"The M.E.Z. regrets that the Supreme Grand Chapter of England has come to the conclusion to support this irregularly formed Chapter; it seems to him it can be mentioned in no milder language, for upon a careful examination of the Report he can find no sufficient law or authority expressed as a justification for the course pursued.

"The M. E. Z. is prepared to admit and to adopt every word uttered by his predecessor of the Grand Chapter, as contained in the Report of your Committee, and even still more, to see, so far as it is in his power, that the conditions of recognition are maintained towards all English Royal Arch Masons in their fullest integrity, but he is sorry to observe the same feeling with

regard to the rights and privileges of the Grand Chapter of Canada is not entertained in the Grand Chapter of England.

"The M.E.Z. further desires merely to call the attention of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England to that which appears most inconsistent in the Report of the General Committee, upon which, in his opinion, the present difficulty rests. It is stated in the Report that the Grand Chapter of Canada was recognized in the following words: 'I am instructed to state that, in the name and on behalf of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, they, the Grand Principals, fully recognize the Grand Chapter of Canada, reserving, however, to all Chapters *now* in Canada, who are *still* holding Charters under the Grand Chapter of England, as also to all English Royal Arch Masons, all their rights, titles, and privileges, as fully and freely as though the Grand Chapter of Canada had not been formed.'

"It is contended, therefore, that whatever act the Grand Chapter of England might have done, and however inconsistent that act might have been before the recognition of a supreme governing power in Canada, the act of establishing a Chapter subsequent to such recognition, within the jurisdiction of that Supreme power, is a clear violation of the rights and privileges of that Grand Chapter. The reservation made by the Grand Chapter of England is restricted to the Chapters now in Canada and still holding Charters under England, (*i.e.*, 10th February, 1860) no mention is made of any future new Chapters to be formed.

"The following case is perfectly analogous: That, if a Master Mason is debarred by the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Canada by the United Grand Lodge of England from assisting in the formation of a new Lodge, under the Grand Lodge of England, so a Royal Arch Mason is, in a like manner, debarred from assisting in the formation of a new Chapter under that jurisdiction. It seems at present unnecessary to consider the fallacy of the argument advanced by the Committee, that because under the act of the Union, in 1813, it is held that, 'pure Ancient Masonry consists of three Degrees and no more, viz.: those of the Entered Apprentice, the Fellow Craft, the Master Mason, including the Holy Royal Arch, therefore a Mason initiated under the Grand Lodge of England can insist on being allowed to complete his

degrees under the same, or even that admitting that he could so insist on being exalted under the Grand Chapter of England, it would give him the right, instead of appealing to a Chapter already established under that jurisdiction, which right cannot be denied and seems the only right reserved, to choose that a Chapter must perforce be attached to the very Lodge in which he has been made for the especial accommodation of those made therein, and which right, if admitted by the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, apparently deprives them of the power of refusing a Warrant for a Chapter to any Lodge requiring, nay, demanding the same.

"As above said, it seems at present unnecessary to discuss these points, but it is as well to remind the Supreme Grand Chapter of England that the Supreme Grand Chapter of Canada is an independent body, and will, without considering any action between the Grand Lodges of England and Canada, insist upon the terms of recognition of this Grand Chapter alone, as hereinbefore set forth, quite willing to abide by those terms, namely: giving to all Chapters established in Canada, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of England, on the 10th day of February, 1860, all their rights, titles, and privileges, the same as to all Royal Arch Masons, holding under that jurisdiction. Had the Supreme Grand Chapter of England considered it expedient and necessary to reserve the the right to attach a Chapter to every Lodge in Canada, working under the Grand Lodge of England, then at the time of recognition, and then only, was the proper time to claim such right when it remained open for the Grand Chapter of Canada to accept or refuse a recognition upon such terms.

"The M.E.Z. further directs me to say that your letter will be submitted to the consideration of the Grand Cnapter at the next Annual Convocation, to be holden during the present month of February, but that he has no doubt of the foregoing opinions being fully endorsed, and he can therefore offer no reasonable expectation for the least change in relation to the position of the said Chapter at Ottawa. In conclusion, I am to express the hope, seeing that the Grand Chapter cannot consistently recognize the regularity of this Chapter at Ottawa, and as, unfortunately, but one resource will be left open: to declare the said Chapter clandestine; that the Grand Chapter of England will, after a careful review of all the

circumstances, consent to withdraw the Warrant, and, by so doing, perpetuate the friendly relations between the two Grand Bodies, so happily in existence.

" I have the honor to remain,
" Dear Sir and R. E. Companion,
" Your faithful Servant and Companion,
(Signed) "THOS. B. HARRIS,
" *G.S.E., Grand Chapter of Canada.*"

It was moved by R.E.Comp.Edwin Heathfield, seconded by R. E. Comp. W. B. Simpson, and adopted :—

That the matters named in the M. E. Z.'s Address be referred to the following special Committee, to report thereon at an early hour, viz :—E.Comp. James Moffatt, R.E.Comps. George F. La Serre and David Curtis.

The Grand Scribe E. read a report from the Grand Superintendent for the Hamilton District, on a case of appeal, by Comp. H. J. Garrett, against the action of "The Hiram" Chapter, No. 2, in suspending him for non-payment of dues, in which it is recommended that "The Hiram" Chapter should be sustained in its proceedings, and that Companion Garrett be again placed in good Masonic standing, on his remitting to the said Chapter the sum of ten dollars for arrearages.

The report was referred to a Committee to be appointed by the M. E. Z.

R. E. Comp. George F. La Serre, Grand Superintendent for the Central District, submitted the following

REPORT:

To the Most Excellent the Grand Council and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, assembled in Annual Convocation.

Agreeably to constitutional regulations, I beg to submit my report as Grand Superintendent for the Central District for the past year.

Soon after my accession to office, I received from the Grand Scribe E., documents relative to a difference between two Companions of the "Carleton" Chapter—which was referred to by the late Grand Superintendent of the District, the present M. E. 1st Grand Principal, in his report at the last Annual Convocation, with instructions to investigate the matter—I accordingly proceeded to Ottawa, but found, on my arrival, that the accused had left the country and the accuser had retired from the Chapter, and was unwilling that the affair should be further looked into. I therefore allowed the subject to drop, especially as upon enquiry I was led to understand that the case was not one requiring official investigation, for no Masonic obligations had been violated. During the same visit, I was empowered, by a dispensation from the M.E. Grand Z., to instal a Companion in the 1st Principal's chair, in place of the then existing 1st Principal, who was anxious to retire from his office. The reason assigned for this was, that as he resided in Prescott—although he was anxious and willing to attend the meetings of the Chapter—at that season of the year the trains were so irregular, owing to the inclemency of the weather, that he was frequently unavoidably prevented from being present. This, he well knew, militated seriously against the prosperity of so young but hitherto so flourishing a Chapter, and therefore most earnestly desired all obstacles to its advancement being removed. The Chapter from that time continued steadily to improve until very recently, at the last election, another impediment arose and another dispensation to instal a Companion to the 2nd chair, who was not eligible, was asked. Feeling that the recommending and granting of dispensations should be resorted to only in extreme cases, and where the interests of the Craft clearly point out their utility, it was not until after a long correspondence upon the subject—in which was produced very satisfactory and conclusive evidence—that I felt justified in procuring the necessary document; and I am now happy to state that I entertain the most sanguine expectations from the "Carleton" Chapter, and believe that no further hindrance will stand in the way of its future prosperity.

The "Grenville" Chapter (U.D.) is prospering as all institutions must prosper when worked by zealous and expert members. Although only six months in existence they have already doubled

their numbers. This success can scarcely, however, be wondered at, when a majority of those to whom the dispensation was granted was always ready and willing to travel more than one hundred miles to attend the meetings of their Mother Chapter. It is therefore with confidence and pleasure that I recommend the granting to them a warrant of confirmation from this Grand Body.

Having for several years held a prominent position in the "Ancient Frontenac" Chapter at Kingston, I feel a great delicacy in speaking of her prosperity. Having, however, recently retired from office, I cannot be charged with egotism when I say, that so long as she is governed by such officers as she has at present, and is counselled by such eminent Companions as R. E. Companions Fowler, Henderson, and others, she cannot fail to preserve the proud distinction she holds in the Royal Craft in Canada.

The "Cataraqui" Chapter has not made much progress. This is to be attributed not to the want of skill and ability in its management, for some of the best materials are amongst its members, but solely in my humble opinion, from the fact that the town is too small to support two Chapters; this idea is corroborated by a wish expressed I believe by all the members, except the 1st Principal, to amalgamate with their Sister Chapter; and I take this opportunity of assuring them, that should they ultimately decide upon taking such a step, I would be one of the first to receive them with open arms.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. F. LA SERRE,
Grand Superintendent Central District.

G. C. R. A. Masons of Canada.
19th *February*, A. D., 2392.

On the motion of R. E. Comp. E. Heathfield, seconded by V. E. Comp. William Daniell,—

The report from the Grand Superintendent for the Central District was received and referred to a special Committee.

The Grand Scribe E. read the following report from the Grand Superintendent for the Eastern Townships District :

REPORT.

WATERLOO, CANADA EAST,
February 2nd, 1862.

THOMAS B. HARRIS, ESQ.,
Grand Scribe E., Grand Chapter of Canada.

DEAR SIR AND R. E. COMPANION,—

In compliance with the regulations of the Grand Chapter, I beg to submit a brief Report of the state of Royal Arch Masonry in this District.

The number of Chapters in what properly belongs to this District, has not increased during the past year, but at the Convocation of the Grand Chapter in February last, a Warrant of Constitution was granted to "Caernarvon" Chapter, in the City of Montreal, and I, being the nearest Grand Superintendent, was applied to, to instal its officers, which I did on the 1st day of April last, and it has since remained under my supervision.

I have visited it several times and am happy to say, that the success and prosperity its returns will exhibit, bid fair to continue.

"Golden Rule" Chapter still enjoys fair prosperity. No change has yet been made in the manner of work, but I believe the Canadian Ritual will be adopted during the present year, and I am confident that its superiority will so commend itself to the officers of the Chapter as to inspire them with such renewed zeal as will ensure increased prosperity.

I regret to say that "Bedford District" Chapter has not shown the improvement I anticipated, (as mentioned in my last year's Report) and has never yet conferred all the Degrees; but from the zeal always shewn by the Lodge with which it is connected, I still hope in its ultimate success.

The prosperity of "Dorchester" Chapter is unabated, and the prospect is as good for the coming year, as it has been during the past.

The whole respectfully submitted.

H. L. ROBINSON,
Grand Superintendent, Eastern Townships District.

On motion, the foregoing report was received and referred to a special Committee.

The M. E. Z. appointed the following named Companions a special Committee on the reports of the Grand Superintendents of Districts, viz.: V. E. Companions James Seymour, William Daniell and Charles Kahn.

R. E. Comp. W. B. Simpson, on behalf of the Chairman of the special Committee, to whom was referred the question as to the titles of officers in the Mark, Past, and M. E. Masters' degrees, submitted a report, which was, on motion of R. E. Comp. Curtis, seconded by R. E. Comp. Heathfield, received and adopted.

R. E. Comp. George F. La Serre, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submitted and read the following

REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

Your Committee beg respectfully to state that the proceedings of nineteen Grand Chapters—one from Scotland, and eighteen from the United States—have been submitted for their consideration and to report thereon.

It gives your Committee much pleasure and satisfaction to remark, on perusing these various proceedings, that the influence of Royal Arch Masonry is being widely extended, that though unfortunately discord and civil war rage without, love and harmony hold their benign sway within the sacred precincts of our Masonic Temples.

Not wishing unnecessarily to occupy the attention of this Grand Body, your Committee will at once cheerfully commence the task which has been allotted to them.

SCOTLAND.

The abstract of the proceedings of this Grand Chapter are from 8th May, 1860, to 6th March, 1861, inclusive, and are principally but of local interest.

Lord James Charles Murray, 1st Grand Prin. Z., Lindsay Mackersy, W. S., Grand Scribe Ezra.

On 20th June, 1860,—The Scribes reported the result of the conference with the Grand Lodge Committee, on the subject of the working of the Mark Degree ; and which is contained in the minute of that conference, of which the following is a copy :—

20th April, 1860.—"It was agreed on all sides that the Mark Degree consisted formerly of two parts, the one relating to Fellow Crafts,and the other to their Overseers. The latter was intermediate between the Fellow Craft and Chairman of a Lodge, but that when the Degree of Master Mason was allowed to be given to all,although not elected to the Chair, it became a substitute for the second part of the Mark Degree, now called the Mark Master's Degree. If there were any probability of the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, Canada, United States, and on the Continent of Europe, agreeing to introduce the Mark Master's Degree as a part of the Fellow Craft's Degree, the meeting would recommend the same to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, but as there does not appear to be a probability of such consent being obtained, the meeting recommend the Grand Lodge to concur with the Supreme Royal Arch Chapter in adjusting a ceremonial for each, so as not to affect the interests of either Body.

"As to the Past Master's Degree, the meeting recommend that the Chairman of a Lodge be installed according to the ceremonial approved of by the Grand Lodge in 1858." The Supreme Chapter approved of what was done, and re-appointed the same Committee to meet with the Grand Lodge Committee, and adjust the necessary ritual.

No Report on Foreign Correspondence.

ALABAMA.

The Thirty-fourth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, convened 4th December, 1860, R.A.M., 2390.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence, which reviews the proceedings of twenty-two Grand Chapters,is very ably written and commences thus :—"We notice in the first place, a pleasant contrast in the matters presented in their proceeding, with what met our

eye one year ago. Then a question was agitated respecting, not only the powers, but the existence of the General Grand Chapter. Many considered it not only a useless Body, but as a positive evil, others strenuously contended for its great utility and continued existence. The difficulty between it and the Grand Chapter of Michigan added fuel to the fire. The Grand Chapters of Virginia, Florida, and Pennsylvania, had never acknowledged its jurisdiction, while those of Kentucky and North Carolina had withdrawn, several others were making preparations to withdraw. This state of things, called forth in the several State Grand Chapters, much discussion, which involved the origin and history of Capitular Masonry, and the powers and appropriate duties of the General Grand Chapter. Sufficient on this subject was said by us in our last Report, we now allude to it, thus to express our pleasure at the happy change which we perceive in the manner and tone of the latter proceedings. The General Grand Chapter has voluntarily divested itself of several assumptions of power. It has now become rather an advisory tribunal, and arbiter to decide questions and disputes, which may be voluntarily referred to it, and undertaking to promulgate and establish an uniform system of work; and this, in view of the ability and zeal of the very learned and enlightened Companions who have it in charge, we hope and trust it may fully accomplish."

In alluding to Canada they say :—" This Grand Chapter is now recognized by the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, and is in correspondence with all, or nearly all, the Grand Chapters of the United States. It adopts the intermediate Degrees of Past Master and M. E. Master, which are not recognized in England. The principal Officers are the Grand Z., Grand H., and Grand J. Eighteen Chapters are under its jurisdiction."

This Report also speaks admiringly of the general and uniform harmony which prevails throughout the Masonic Body, from Canada to Mexico, and from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

T. A. M. Wood, was elected G. H. P., and Daniel Sayre, Grand Secretary.

CALIFORNIA.

The Eighth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter commenced 9th May, A. I., 2391.

The G.H.P., Henry Hare Hartly, delivered an excellent address, the following extract from which your Committee recommend to the careful consideration of subordinate Chapters:—"We are laboring under an evil in this jurisdiction which I fear, if not promptly checked, will hereafter be productive of much disadvantage to our Chapters. I allude to the rapid manner in which Candidates are passed through the various Degrees, and I regret to state that I am induced to believe that this evil exists in a majority of our Chapters. It arises, I presume, from the *non user* of any regular set of lectures for each Degree, and a supposition that as the Candidate has already progressed so far as to enable him to review our degrees, his mind is expansive and comprehensive enough at a rapid glance, and in a hurried transit, to embrace all our mysteries. I cannot but feel, that in failing fully to impress upon the mind of the novitiate during his reception of the degrees, their full meaning and import, we are slowly but surely undermining the fabric, because we are daily lessening the number of those capable and willing to hand down our mysteries purely and faithfully to their successors. I trust that you in your wisdom will take measures to remedy this evil, either by requiring Candidates to pass an examination in each Degree, before receiving the succeeding one, or by rendering it necessary that a certain interval of time should elapse between the conferring of each Degree, to enable the Candidate, in the meantime, to become fully versed in the ritual of the Degrees previously received by him."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, in a somewhat lengthy Report on Canada, conclude with the following remark: "The quasi independent position which this Grand Body has heretofore occupied, exists no longer. It having now received recognition from the only Body having the legitimate right to object, we again cordially extend a welcome, and most heartily congratulate them in the happy issue of the one thing only which

was lacking to ensure them God-speed in their work of benevolence and love."

Henry Hare Hartley, was re-elected G.H.P., and Lawrence C. Owen, Grand Secretary.

CONNECTICUT.

This Grand Chapter held its Annual Convocation on 7th May, 1861. The proceedings principally of a local nature, present nothing of an immediate interest, outside the jurisdiction of that Body.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence in a brief Report on Canada, remark,—"The recognition of the Grand Chapter of Canada, having been held in abeyance for some time, by the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, it affords us much satisfaction to find in an appendix to the pamphlet before us, an official letter from the Grand Secretary of the mother Grand Chapter, announcing the full and complete acknowledgment of the regularity and independence of the Canadian Body. The Chapters in Canada having been instituted by virtue of Warrants from the several Grand Chapters of England, Ireland, and Scotland, and these having severally recognized the independence of the Grand Body in Canada, we take pleasure in congratulating our Companions of the latter organization, on the removal of all obstacles in the way of their upward and onward progress."

Nathan Dikeman was elected G.H.P., and Eliphalet G. Storer, Grand Secretary. The Grand Secretary's Report, mentions one hundred and seventy-two exaltations having taking place during the previous year, in nineteen subordinate Chapters hailing under this Grand Body.

INDIANA.

Grand Chapter convened 22nd May, 1860, A.I.,2390. Nothing of particular interest, except to the R.A. Masons of Indiana, occurs in the proceedings of this Grand Chapter.

The G. H. P., William Hacker, in his opening address, alludes to the increase of R. A. Masonry within his jurisdiction, the number

of subordinate Chapters having risen from twenty-three to forty-seven during the six years that he has held that honorable position among them.

It is gratifying to see that in this rapid growth, due care has evidently been taken to select proper material for the building, for he goes on to observe that the Chapters, "with few exceptions, are in a very healthy condition, and from the amount of work I have been called upon to assist in performing, that many of them are in a highly prosperous condition. Although the number admitted to our privileges this year, perhaps, will not equal that of some of the past, yet, as there has been no 'rushing in,' as if under excitement, and the increase, whatever it may be, having been gradual and with due deliberation, is, therefore, doubtless a remarkably healthy one."

The Treasury shows a balance of over $1,400.00. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence report concisely on the proceedings of twenty-six Grand Chapters. George W. Porter was elected G. H. P., and Francis King, G. Secretary.

IOWA.

The Eighth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held 10th June, 1861.

The proceedings, being purely local, offer comparatively little material for comment.

The G.H.P., in his opening address, refers to a practice which appears to be prevalent with Chapters in the West, and even within the Iowa jurisdiction, that of conferring the R.A. degree on one or two brethren instead of the "requisite" number. This practice he denounces as "most clearly contrary to the teachings, usages and obligations of Masonry,"—showing evidently that the teachings, usages and obligations of Masonry, in Iowa, differ materially from those practiced in this Province or in England, a circumstance to be much deplored, as perfect unanimity ought to prevail upon so important a subject.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is ably written by Companion G. W. Teas, who, in speaking of Canada, says:—"In its organization it follows the English plan, in name and number

of officers, but adopts the degrees as recognized in the Grand Chapter of the United States." Stewart Ells, was elected G.H.P.; W. B. Langridge, Grand Secretary.

KENTUCKY.

The Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held at Louisville on 21st Oct., A.D., 1861, A.L., 5861.

The proceedings on that occasion were very brief and offer nothing of interest outside of the jurisdiction.

The G.H.P., in a short but very eloquent address, states that although "R.A. Masonry has not, during the year, made very rapid progress" within that State, "yet the most fraternal relations exist," and he predicts a glorious future for our time-honored and venerable institution.

The Treasurer's report exhibits prosperity, the resources amounting to $6,623.23.

No report on Foreign Correspondence.

Theodore Kohlhass, was elected G.H.P., and Philip Swigert, G. Secretary.

LOUISIANA.

The Fourteenth Annual Convocation is dated 12th Feb'y., 1861.

Nothing of moment to the Royal Craft, except in this State, was done during the session.

The G.H.P. reminds the Companions of the blessing of general health conferred by our Supreme G. H. Priest upon that State during the past year, and in having again freed the great city in which they met (New Orleans) from the hand of the Destroyer, he also says: "It is my pleasing duty to reiterate the sentiment, or rather the fact, communicated to this Grand Chapter by all of my predecessors, that peace and harmony prevail throughout this jurisdiction—not a jarring note has been heard in the working of our order." Your Committee most cordially reciprocate in the following sentence: "May this state of things continue! Let us guard well the outer avenues of our Sacred Temple, lest the froward enter and break up this sweet accord of feeling and action."

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances fully corroborate this pleasing and gratifying state of affairs, for they say, "not a solitary case of appeal or grievance has been made since the organization of this Grand Chapter, which is indeed a high commendation to R. A. Masonry in our State."

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is exceedingly brief, but explains that all matters of usual interest have been condensed in tabular form by the Assistant Grand Secretary. "This table contains the list of Grand Chapter, when organized, the date of proceedings last received, the names and residences of the Grand H. Priests, and G. Secretaries, with the number of Chapters, members, exaltations, admissions, demissions, deaths, suspensions and expulsions.

A. S. Washburn was elected G.H.P., Saml. G. Risk, Grand Secretary.

MARYLAND.

The Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, was held at Baltimore, 12th November, 1860.

The D. G. H. P. presided in the absence of the G. H. P., from whom there was no address, neither was there any Report on Foreign Correspondence.

This Grand Chapter still maintains its allegiance to the General Grand Chapter as the head of Capitular Masonry in the United States, and amongst other resolutions, passed the following: "That it is the opinion of this Grand Chapter that the objections of several of the State Grand Chapters to the General Grand Chapter of the United States, which resulted in the late amendments, might have been removed, and the difficulties resulting therefrom arranged in a satisfactory manner to a majority of the State Grand Chapters, and, at the same time, sustained the General Grand Chapter in the authority it formerly possessed in regulating the labors of Capitular Masonry in the United States."

Resolution relating to the Past Master's Degree:—

"The Grand Lodge of Maryland, concurring that a Committee of three members of the Grand Chapter be appointed by the M. E. Grand H. Priest, to confer with a Committee of the Grand

Lodge of Maryland, in an enquiry as to the propriety of introducing better regulations in the conferring of the Past Master's degree, as relates both to the authority and ceremonies of the degree; the joint Committee to report to the Grand Chapter at its next Annual Convocation, and to the Grand Lodge at its next Annual Communication."

A Committee of four was appointed to report at the next Annual Convocation, "upon the expediency of a division of the Grand Chapter of Maryland and the District of Columbia."

James Goszler, was elected G. H. P., and William M. Smith, G. Secretary.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The proceedings of this Grand Chapter include meetings from 7th December, 1858, to 11th September, 1860.

At a meeting held in September last, the G.H.P. in his address alludes to a communication he had previously received as to whether it was legal for a subordinate Chapter to vote that a meeting stand adjourned to a future day, to which he replies: "If there were a sufficient number present to open your Lodge or Chapter, and it was thought expedient to defer the business to a day earlier than your next regular meeting, the High Priest has authority to call off your Chapter to such time as would be most convenient. It would be in order to transact the regular business at a meeting so called, for it would be a continuance of the former meeting; but notice should always be given as required by your By-Laws. Should there not be a sufficient number present to open, the Master, or H. Priest, has authority to call a special meeting if he deemed it necessary."

The Committee of Finance, congratulate the G. Chapter upon its financial prosperity which they state is owing mainly to the care and watchfulness of the Grand Treasurer.

James Kimball, was elected G. H. P., and Thomas Waterman, Grand Secretary.

MICHIGAN.

The Twelfth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, was held at Detroit, 7th January, A. L. 5861, A. I. 2391, A. D. 1861.

The G. H. P. in his address makes the following pertinent remark, which would be well for all belonging to the Royal Craft to bear in mind.

"I would at this time recommend that great care be exercised not to increase the number of our subordinates, except where there can be no doubt the prosperity of the Order will be served by so doing. It is far better to have a few good well-sustained, and well-attended Chapters within our jurisdiction, than many that are languidly conducted, with but little or no interest manifested by the members, and with but few or no Exaltations during the year. Ever let us bear in mind, it is in the quality, not in the number, that our value and strength consists, and ever remember the great responsibility resting upon each and every one of us, and guard well the outer door, and see that none be permitted to pass save those upon whom the 'signet of truth' can make a deep and lasting impression."

His concluding remarks are full of eloquence, and deserve our attention. He says: "In conclusion, my Companions, I would say a word as to our true position as Royal Arch Masons, before the cold and uncharitable world. Let us ever remember, that the whole system of our beautiful Order, is well calculated for the improvement of science, for the improvement of manners, for the increase of morality, and for the extension of charity, benevolence, and brotherly love. I fancy, those who merely profess to be Royal Arch Masons, without work, are ignorant, rude, immoral, or uncharitable, you must, therefore, lay it to the wickedness of their own nature, and not to any defect or evil in our Masonic system. Masonry is an enemy to all immorality, and the true friend of every virtue, she is ever devising means for the relief of her indigent brethren, that none may suffer for want of the tender care of brotherly love. Her private charities cannot be enumerated. To many of them we have all with feelings of sincere pleasure been eye-witnesses, and I doubt if any have ever been witnesses to a refusal, when the hands of Masonic benevolence was solicited to wipe the lonely widow's tear, to relieve the distresses

of the orphan child, or to soothe the sorrows and afflictions of any. In short, true Masonry can never disgrace any one, but will ever tend to illumine the brightest ornaments of society. Companions, let it ever be our pleasurable task, in the beautiful uniformity of all our conduct, to check the evil surmise, and stop the ever ready voice of slander, by which this beautiful Order of our profession is so much, yet so unjustly stigmatized, by those who know not her beauty, her charms, and her utility. So will we do best honor to the Craft; so will we reap to ourselves her best benefits, spread her true fame around, and by our example do great benefit to mankind, till at last, under the guidance of Christian faith, when having happily finished the period of Masonic discipline, we shall enter upon that state, where a far nobler scene shall open, where eternal objects shall shine in their native splendor; when this twilight of mortal life being past, the sun of righteousness shall arise, and 'that which is perfect being come, that which is in part, shall be done away.'"

Amongst several resolutions which were adopted, your Committee select the following, deeming it in their humble opinion well worthy the consideration of this Grand Body—that "whenever it is known to any Companion present, that an absent Companion would if he were present, vote against the application of any one for the degrees or affiliation, such present Companion should procure the ballot to be postponed until another meeting, or if that cannot be had, himself vote as the absent Companion would do. Especially is it contrary to the true spirit of Masonry, to take advantage of the absence of a Companion, to force him into association with one against whom it is known that he would vote."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence in speaking of Canada, remark "The question here arises, as the Grand Chapter of Canada, now permits visiting Companions from England, (who have never received the Degrees of Mark M., Past M. and M. E. Master,) to observe sojourners, to prove their work in said Degrees, how far it may be proper for us to re-examine the subject of our own affiliation with the Grand Chapter of Canada, a question however not referred to this Committee."

Wm. P. James, was elected G. H. P., and J. Eastman Johnson, Grand Secretary.

MISSISSIPPI.

The fifteenth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was opened at the City of Jackson, on 16th January, A. I., 2391.

The Grand H. Priest, in an address read by M. E. Companion Hillyer, deeply regrets that private circumstances debar him for the first time in nine years, the privilege of meeting the Companions in their Annual Council. He also says, "I have no new topics to bring before you; no subjects to ask your present co-operation in. As far as is within my knowledge, peace and harmony reign within our borders."

The business transacted was purely of local interest. No Report on Foreign Correspondence.

T. H. Johnson, was elected G. H. P., and R. W. T. Daniel, Grand Secretary.

MISSOURI.

The Grand Chapter of this State convened 22nd May, A.I., 2391, A.D., 1861.

Owing to the national difficulties which are alienating one State from another, comparatively little progress appears to have been made in the Royal Craft in this State.

The G.H.P., actuated with truly Masonic benevolence towards those who are unfortunately suffering from this sad state of affairs, recommends "that the dues of the Grand Chapter, from its subordinates be remitted for the past year, to be disposed of by them in charity, as may seem to them to be the most conducive to the principles of our beloved order." He also in a most touching manner alludes to the decease of M. E. Companion P. C. Tucker, G.H.P., of Vermont, N. C. Elwood, G.H.P., of Illinois, and H. C. Melody, P.G.H.P., of Missouri; and the Committee to whom this address was referred recommend that a suitable notice of the life, character, and exalted position of these distinguished and much lamented Companions, be drawn up and published with the proceedings, which was accordingly done in a brief but very feeling manner by R. E. Companions Daggett and O'Sullivan.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is ably written, and reviews the proceedings of eighteen Grand Chapters.

W. R. Penick, was installed G.H.P., and A. O'Sullivan, Grand Secretary.

NEW JERSEY.

The proceedings of this Grand Chapter embrace the transactions of a Special meeting held 13th February, and of the fifth Annual Convocation, 11th September, 1861, also the organizing a Grand Council of the order of High Priesthood.

The G.H.P. remarks in no measured terms against the existence of the General Grand Chapter, and earnestly hopes it may speedily undergo a peaceful and final dissolution. He also speaks at great length upon that awful calamity which is now overspreading the whole of the neighboring Republic as with a funeral pall, and fervently prays to the Omnipotent Jehovah to restore to them the blessings of peace, to which we as fervently respond, "Amen."

The following remarks we would earnestly recommend to the attention of all Brethren and Companions:—

"As Freemasons we have high and responsible duties to perform, and if we fail to perform them, we disgrace ourselves and bring reproach upon that Institution which we profess to love. If we fail to preserve the tongue of good report among our fellow-men—if we do not practise the works of charity and love which Masonry enjoins upon us—if we are not ever ready to assist a distressed brother, and to relieve suffering and misery in whatever guise they may be presented to us—if we do not practise the golden rule and do unto others as we wish others to do unto us—if we do not keep our lives free from those debasing passions and degrading vices which disgrace human nature—if we do not cultivate those generous sentiments and gentle emotions which elevate the heart and ennoble the soul—if we do not avoid those twin-pets of the devil, profanity and intemperance—if we do not fly from all licentiousness and shun as we would a pestilence, everything that would make us impure and unholy—if we do not in our daily walk and conversation, as well as in our professions, ascribe 'Holiness to the Lord'—in short if we do not do those things which Masonry requires, and avoid those things which Masonry

forbids, then we are most arrant hypocrites, and such will an intelligent public justly judge us to be. Then let us, My Companions, pray to the Supreme Architect of the Universe, that He will give us grace to live in accordance with our professions; for thus, and thus only, can we prove to the world that Freemasonry possesses a truth and vitality which should commend it to the love, esteem and confidence of all good men."

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is well written and exceedingly interesting, in alluding to Canada it says:—

"We rejoice to know that the action of this Grand Body has been so pleasing to the Companions away up in Canada, and we assure them that they may rely upon our continuing faithful to the fraternal sentiments which we have expressed toward them, and if their Grand Chapter was located at the North Pole, our feelings would be the same, for we know no difference between Royal Arch Masons in Canada, in Cuba, or in New York and New Jersey."

"Our loyal Craftsmen have a soul,
Whose love extends from pole to pole,
No place our sacred fire can smother,
Where breathes a Mason, there's a Brother."

Sentiments which we most cordially and sincerely reciprocate.

Thomas J. Corson, was elected G.H.P., and John Wolverton, Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK.

This Grand Chapter convened in Albany, on the 5th Feb., 1861.

Your Committee have taken the liberty of quoting at some length, remarks made by the Special Committee to whom was referred so much of the M. E. G. H. Priest's address, as relates to the present condition of the United States; and they have done so because at this unfortunate period it is their humble opinion that too much stress cannot be laid upon the sentiments therein expressed, and every endeavor should be made to impress them firmly upon the minds of all Masons upon this Continent. They say, "It is however due to truth to say, that the unfortunate condition of our public affairs, and the excitement and confusion which unfortunately surround us, arise, if not wholly, at least in part, out of political feeling, partizan passion, sectorial animosity, as well as out of

honest difference of opinion as to constitutional constructions and rights; and in view of such a state of facts admitted on all sides, we can and must not forget that this Grand Chapter is a Body from which political questions, partizan feeling, and governmental policy and administration are properly excluded. We may not, therefore, without a manifest departure from the design, and the spirit of our organization, enter into the discussion of the causes which have led to the present distracted and imperilled condition of the country, nor could we take any legitimate official action as a Grand Body on the subject, which would be likely to produce any good result, other than such as may flow from the great principles of fraternity which belong to and pervade as a universal principle, the institution of Free Masonry everywhere."

"Ours is a Fraternity based upon human brotherhood, universal benevolence, and social virtue, it looks to man without regard to his political feeling and associations. It has no geographical boundaries, no national limitations, no territorial lines to bind or circumscribe it, and we must be consistent and faithful to our noble Order, hold firmly, sternly, and steadily to the great landmarks, and refuse to introduce into our deliberations or our actions, matters which do not belong legitimately thereto."

"The institution of Masonry is, in the highest sense of the term conservative. It clings to established order; it inculcates love of country, respect for law, support of constituted authority, and admonishes its votaries everywhere to be good, peaceful and obedient citizens; but in addition to this, in spirit and in fact, it rises above all mere human relationships or political associations, and looks to man as man, to his nature, his wants, his sufferings, his temptations, and his weaknesses, and seeks to do him good, to comfort, sustain, and strengthen; and thus acting in the real and in the exalted sphere of her influence, she may rightfully exert a salutary influence in the present condition of the country. Her mission is one of love, and of peace and good will, and she may, and should by all lawful and proper means, seek to allay passions, subdue prejudice, turn away anger and hate, and restore and perpetuate among all men, and particularly all Masons throughout all the land, fraternal regard, and brotherly kindness and love; and should the present difficulties unfortunately lead to a final and

complete severance of the bonds of political union, (an event which we trust may never come,) we may as a Fraternity, and as individual Masons, still cherish fraternal regard, and Masonic fellowship, and kindness, to those who then would be to us foreigners, in name and nationality, but brothers in fact, even if in sadness and sorrow, we should be compelled to stand amid the crumbling columns of national existence, we would still be Masons, and, joined by the 'Mystic tie' to Masons north and south, east and west, ever ready to extend the hand of fellowship and the heart of sympathy to the faithful and true."

"The recommendation of Hamilton Chapter, No. 62, that this Grand Chapter open communication with Sister Grand Chapters of other States, on the subject of our national difficulties, on the whole does not appear to us as best, we cannot discover much practical good likely to result therefrom, and it might be misconstrued, and in the end lead to evil. It would or might involve the discussion of political questions, and grave matters of state, and thus involve this and other Grand Bodies in conflicts of opinion, and in controversies foreign to the objects of their organization. The evils and diseases of the body politic, are not to be treated or cured by the direct interference of Masonic Bodies, and any attempt of the kind might aggravate the trouble, and at the same time, put in jeopardy the Fraternity itself, and destroy its power to do good in its proper sphere of action. In these times of excitement, when men are liable to be drifted into extremes, the Masonic Fraternity should be 'wise as serpents, and harmless as doves,' should stand by the 'ancient land marks,' and seek in the spirit of Masonry, to calm the raging elements, and soothe the excited passions, to bring the erring back to right ways, to stay the hands of those rushing on to excess, to minister to the suffering and unfortunate, and to extend the open hand of charity to all worthy Craftsmen, wheresoever dispersed, or wheresoever employed."

The Report on Foreign Correspondence, reviews the proceedings of twenty-seven Grand Chapters, commencing with Canada. It embraces the correspondence between M. E. Companion T. D. Harington, and the 1st Grand Principal of the Grand Chapter of England, prior and up to the time of our recognition by that

Grand Body, and concludes by saying :—"Your Committee have deemed this extended notice of the transactions of the Canadian Grand Chapter not only due to them on perfecting their organization, but specially necessary to ourselves, for a correct understanding of the rights of visitors, so widely different from our own regulations as regards the intermediate degrees." Geo. H. Thacker, was elected G.H.P., and John A. Cole, G. Secretary.

MAINE.

This Grand Chapter assembled in Annual Convocation at Portland, on 5th May, A. D. 1861., A. I. 2391.

The proceedings did not reach your Committee in time to introduce them, according to alphabetical arrangement.

The Session lasted four days, and a great deal of business was transacted, but altogether of a local nature.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence say, in speaking of Canada :—

"The proceedings for February, 1860, gives us the Correspondence of the Grand Principal Z., with the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, explanatory of the position of the Grand Chapter of Canada, and the reasons for its independent action. The independence of the Grand Chapter of Canada, is fully recognized by England, and it pursues its career in harmony with similar bodies on this Continent. Its subordinate confer the four Degrees as practiced in the United States, having different titles from ours for its chief officers, instead of the M. E. G. High Priest, King, and Scribe, they have :—

The Grand Z;	The Grand H;	The Grand J.
Past ditto;	Past ditto;	Past ditto.

At the Special Communication at Ottawa in July, 1860, it was the privilege of the Chairman of this Committee, to be welcomed as a visitor, and witness the harmony of action in adopting their new Constitution as amended. There are now eighteen chartered subordinate Chapters."

Edward P. Burnham, was elected G. H. P., and Ira Berry, Grand Secretary.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The Annual Grand Communication of this Grand Chapter, was held 27th December, 1860, A. I., 2390.

The printed Proceedings contain, with the exception of a few resolutions of entirely local interest, nothing but the G.H. Priest's address, and a brief report from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

The former is a very eloquent production, and is well worth the perusal of all Royal Arch Masons, as it contains a synopsis of the history of Capitular Masonry from the time of its introduction on this Continent.

Your Committee certainly endorse the sentiments expressed in the report on Foreign Correspondence, and give it as their humble opinion that the practise which is becoming so prevalent, of publishing all transactions relative to Masonry, is one which by no means tends to advance the interests of the Institution. After remarking that the policy pursued by the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, of refraining from frequent or extended publications of its proceedings, continues to receive the disapprobation of Sister Grand Chapters, they say :—

"In all the arguments and criticisms in these documents, we find nothing to change our conviction of the soundness and wisdom of our ancient policy in refraining as far as practicable, from extended publication, or entering into public controversy on Masonic subjects."

Harman Yerkes, was elected G.H.P., and William H. Adam, Grand Secretary.

VERMONT.

The Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, convened 9th August, 1860.

The G.H.P. in his address asks the following question, which your Committee respectfully submit as in their opinion worthy the consideration of this Grand Body. He says :—

"A Royal Arch Mason—an officer in his Chapter, and a member of this Grand Body, is expelled from the Lodge of which he is a

member, for immoral and unmasonic conduct. How does he stand with his Chapter as an officer, and with this Grand Body as a member? "

The Committee to whom this matter was referred gave the following answer which was accepted :—

" Upon the subject of the relation of an expelled Master Mason to his Chapter, and to this Grand Body, the Committee are of the opinion that an expulsion from a Lodge of Master Masons, duly certified, operates as an exclusion from the privileges conferred by a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and from their Grand Body."

The Report on Foreign Correspondence reviews in an able manner the proceedings of seventeen Grand Chapters, Canada not included.

Barzillai Davenport, was elected G. H. P., and John B. Hollenbeck, Grand Secretary.

WISCONSIN.

The Tenth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, convened at Milwaukee, 6th Feb. A.D. 1861., A. I. 2391.

The G. H. P., delivered an excellent address from which your Committee quote a passage, which they beg respectfully to submit to the attention of every member of this Grand Body, and indeed to every Royal Arch Mason throughout the world.

" Masonry has attained to that degree of popularity and respect which in no former period has been accorded to it, and sinister men are seeking its portals and knocking for admission, not because they entertain favorable views of Masonry, but because the institution is honorable, and made so by honorable men. Had Isaiah predicted concerning Masonry, when he said, " In that day, seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, we will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel, only let us be called by thy name to take away our reproach." We should say the time had come for its literal fulfilment, only let us be *called Masons*, and we will don some trinket that the world may know we are such, only let us be known by thy name, and we will wear our own filthy garments, and feed on the husks with which we have in vain attempted to fill ourselves. So long as the institution is a

favorite with the world, so long let us be called by thy name, and we will prate of it over our cups, and loudly defend it when assailed. Talk not to us of silence and circumspection, of temperance, or any of the cardinal virtues, only let us be called by thy name. But let persecution, such as some of us have witnessed, again sweep over the land, and these would be first to denounce the institution, and go to their own place. We cannot be too cautious in selecting materials for the building, let it be such as will stand the test of the overseer's square."

Your Committee also beg to call the attention of this Grand Chapter to the following resolution, which was adopted. "That from and after the 1st day of April next, it shall not be deemed proper for any subordinate Chapter under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter to receive the petition of any Master Mason for the degrees conferred in said Chapter, nor to admit a Companion as a member of such Chapter, unless such Companion or petitioner shall be a member of a Lodge in this or some other jurisdiction in good standing, and any Chapter violating the provisions of this resolution shall be subject to reprimand from the G. H. Priest, and such other discipline as the Grand Chapter shall see fit to impose."

No Report on Foreign Correspondence.

John H. Rountree was elected G.H.P., and William T. Palmer, Grand Secretary.

Your Committee regret that the pleasing and important duty of drawing up this Report had not been entrusted to other Companions who would have had more time and ability for the task. It has been executed, during intervals hurriedly snatched from the pressing emergencies of their public and private avocations, and they cannot but feel that it has been but indifferently performed, and therefore earnestly solicit the leniency of this Grand Body.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

G. F. LASERRE,
Chairman.

G. C. R. A. Masons of Canada,
19th *February*, A.D. 1862, A.I. 2392.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. E. Heathfield, seconded by E. Comp. James Moffatt and resolved,—

That the report from the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence be received, and that the thanks of this Grand Chapter be tendered to our R. E. Comp. George F. LaSerre, for the zeal displayed in its preparation.

In accordance with notice given at the last Annual Convocation, the following amendment to the Constitution was

Moved by R. E. Comp. W. B. Simpson, seconded by R. E. Comp. Thomas J. Angel, and resolved,—

That every subordinate Chapter shall annually pay towards the fund for Grand Chapter purposes, the sum of twenty cents for each of its registered members.

In accordance with notice given at the last Annual Convocation

It was moved by R. E. Comp. W. B. Simpson, seconded by R. E. Comp. Wm. Daniell,—

That the Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter be in future held on the Tuesday preceding the second Wednesday in July, in each year, and that the next Convocation of Grand Chapter be convened in July, 1863.

In amendment,—

It was moved by V. E. Comp. James Seymour, seconded by R. E. Comp. D. Curtis,—

That for all future time the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter be held on the second Tuesday in August, in each and every year, the next Convocation to be held in August, 1863.

A vote of Grand Chapter being taken, the amendment was declared adopted.

In accordance with notice given at the last Annual Convocation,

It was moved by R. E. Comp. W. B. Simpson, seconded by R. E. Comp. F. Richardson, and resolved,—

That all Candidates for Exaltation shall, before being proposed, sign a petition according to the annexed form A., and all Companions wishing to join a Chapter shall sign an application according to the annexed form B., and that all Candidates, whether for exaltation or membership, shall be balloted for in open Chapter, which ballot, if favorable, shall entitle the Candidate to the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and the Holy Royal Arch.

[FORM A.]

——— CHAPTER, No.—

To THE EXCELLENT

The Principals, Officers and Companions of the——Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, No.—

I,——of the——of——[*profession or addition*]——aged——, a Master Mason of three calendar months' standing, having been raised to that Sublime Degree in———Lodge, No.——, held at ——on the——day of——, 18——, freely and voluntarily offer myself a Candidate for the Mark, Past and Most Excellent Masters' Degrees, and for Exaltation to the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch.

Dated at——, this——day of——A. L.—

Recommended by ——— } ———
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[FORM B.]

——— CHAPTER, No.—

To the Excellent

The Principals, Officers and Companions of the——Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, No.——

I,——of the——of——[*profession or addition*]——aged——, being a Royal Arch Mason, am desirous of becoming a Member of the——Chapter, No.——.

I was exalted in——Chapter, No.——, and was last a Member of——Chapter, No.——, from which I retired in good standing.

Dated at——this——day of——A.L.——

Recommended by ——— } ———

It was moved by R. E. Comp. Thomas J. Angel, seconded by V. E. Comp. James Seymour, and resolved,—

That an address of condolence from this Grand Royal Arch Chapter, be forwarded to Her Most Gracious Majesty, on the subject of Her late sad bereavement, and that the M. E. Z. be requested to name a Committee to prepare a draft of the same, to report thereon at an early hour.

The M.E.Z. appointed the following named Companions to form such Committee, viz.: R. E. Comps. Thomas B. Harris, William Daniell and Edwin Heathfield.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. George W. Whitehead, seconded by V. E. Comp. James Seymour,—

That the next Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter be held at St. Catharines.

In amendment,—

It was moved by R. E. Comp. Edwin Heathfield, seconded by R. E. Comp. W. B. Simpson,—

That the next Convocation of this Grand Chapter be held in the City of Toronto.

A vote of Grand Chapter having been taken on the amendment it was declared adopted.

The M. E. Z. appointed the undermentioned companions to be a Special Committee on Audit and Finance, viz :— R. E. Comp. Geo. W. Whitehead, E. Comp. A. Huntington and Charles Kahn.

The M. E. Z., announced to Grand Chapter that the election of officers for the next ensuing term would be in order for eleven o'clock, A.M., to-morrow, Thursday.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment, to meet at nine o'clock, A.M., to-morrow.

THURSDAY, FEB. 20TH, A. L. 5862.

The Grand Chapter resumed its sittings at 10 o'clock, A.M.

The Grand Principals, as before,

On the Throne.

Grand Officers and Representatives.

It was moved by E. Comp. Charles Kahn, seconded by R. E. Comp. David Curtis, and adopted,—

That a Warrant of Constitution be prepared and issued for "Ezra" Chapter, No. 23, Simcoe.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. George F. LaSerre, seconded by R. E. Comp. W. B. Simpson and adopted,—

That a Warrant of Constitution be prepared and issued to "Grenville" Chapter, No. 22, Prescott.

R. E. Comp. W. B. Simpson, on behalf of the "Ancient Frontenac" Chapter, No. 1, Kingston, submitted to Grand Chapter the desire of the Companions composing said Chapter, to have the introductory form of the Warrant of Affiliation issued to that Chapter amended, by introducing a preamble, giving the particulars of its earliest formation from the year A. L. 5797.

The subject caused a very animated discussion, in which many Companions took part. The following resolution was ultimately agreed to :—

Moved by R. E. Comp. Edwin Heathfield, seconded by E. Comp. James Moffatt, and resolved,—

That the application of the "Ancient Frontenac" Chapter, No. 1, Kingston, through its Representatives, R.E. Comps. W. B. Simpson and George F. LaSerre, be complied with in the following manner, viz :—That the date of its antiquity, said to be A. L. 5797, or whatever date it may be, shall be placed on the Warrant of Affiliation, issued by this Grand Chapter, on the side thereof, as a marginal note, on the production, to the M. E. Z., of documentary evidence that the said "Ancient Frontenac" Chapter was established at such date as above represented.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the consideration of matters, contained in the address of the M. E. Z., submitted the following

REPORT:

Your Committee certainly join in the pleasure expressed by the M. E. Z. in once more, by the mercy of the "Great I am," being permitted to assemble in Annual Convocation, and they doubt not that the Grand Chapter will fully meet the views of the M. E. Z. in the manner of conducting their proceedings. Those who have witnessed the actions of the M. E. Z., during the last year can bear testimony that the sceptre could not have been in worthier hands, and they trust that although the same is now temporarily

returned to the Grand Chapter, it may not finally leave the hands of the acting head of the Royal Craft, whom may the G.A.O.T.U. long preserve.

Your Committee join the M. E. Z., in congratulating the Grand Chapter on the steady increase of Capitular Masonry in the Province, and trust and doubt not that his anticipations of future prospects, will be fully realized.

In common with the M. E. Z., your Committee mourn the loss of His Royal Highness the Prince Consort, and recommend that the views of the M. E. Z., to adopt a humble address to Her Most Gracious Majesty, be carried into effect, by the Grand Chapter.

Your Committee are pleased to observe that the action adopted by the Grand Chapter, at the last Annual Convocation, in appointing R. E. Comp. Stewart our representative at the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, has been carried into effect, and that Comp. Stewart promises to do all in his power, further to strengthen the chain between the two Grand Bodies.

Your Committee fully concur in the views and able arguments of the M. E. Z., concerning the action of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, in granting a Warrant for a Chapter to be established in the City of Ottawa, and sustain the despatch founded thereon and the alternative set forth in the closing portion thereof, and your Committee recommend that the Grand Chapter invest the M. E. Z. about to be elected, with full power and authority to take such action during the recess, on behalf of this Grand Chapter, as to him may seem meet.

The Committee notice with pleasure the granting of Dispensations to two new Chapters, viz :—the "Grenville" Chapter, at Prescott, and the "Ezra" Chapter, at Simcoe, and recommend that the same be confirmed by Warrants from this Grand Chapter.

The remarks made by the M. E. Z., that the revision of section 6, of the Constitution would seem advisable, are entitled to the most serious consideration, and your Committee recommend that the same be referred to the Committee on Constitution and

Regulations, adding thereto the members of your Committee, for this special purpose, such joint Committee to report at the present session of this Grand Chapter.

It cannot be denied that a schedule of fees, such as is recommended by the M. E. Z., is most desirable, and your Committee recommend this subject also to the serious consideration of the Committee on Constitution and Regulations.

The thanks of this Grand Chapter are due to the M. E. Z. for the many official visits paid during the recess, such visits made by the 1st Grand Principal must tend materially to benefit the Royal Craft, and it is to be hoped that all Chapters will hereafter send notices of their Convocations to the Grand Principals, in order to induce them frequently to honor the subordinate Chapters by their presence.

The kind and fraternal sentiments entertained by the M. E. Z. in memory of our departed R. E. Comp. Ridout, meets fully the views of your Committee, and recommend that a page be set apart in the printed proceedings of this present Convocation to commemorate the loss the Royal Craft has sustained.

Your Committee are much pleased to learn that the Grand Superintendents of Districts, as well as the Grand Scribe E., have ably assisted the M. E. Z. in the discharge of his duties.

The M. E. Z. calls the attention of Grand Chapter to the suspension of Stedman B. Campbell, by the Grand Lodge of Canada, and recommend that the said S. B. Campbell shall be suspended from his Arch Masonic functions, for the period whilst such Craft suspension continues in force. The M.E.Z. further notes that none of his predecessors have brought under the consideration of Grand Chapter the expulsions and suspensions of Grand Lodge, and recommend that the suggestion of the M. E. Z., relative to the appointing a Committee for this purpose be adopted, and that said Committee report at this present session.

Your Committee heartily join in the good wishes expressed by M. E. Z. towards our Companions of the neighboring States, and

also in the prayer that the "Great Jehovah" may vouchsafe to this Grand Chapter the continual dew of his blessing.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES MOFFATT.
G. F. LASERRE.
D. CURTIS.

The foregoing report was, on motion, received and adopted.

The M. E. Z. appointed the following named Companions a Committee to examine and report on the Expulsions and Suspensions by the Grand Lodge, viz:—E. Companions A. Huntington, Charles Kahn and James Moffatt.

It was moved by R.E. Comp. Edwin Heathfield, seconded by E. Comp. James Moffatt, and adopted,—

That a Committee be appointed to enquire into the standing of "St. John's" Chapter, No. 209, I. R., London, to report thereon at the present session of Grand Chapter.

The M.E.Z. named the following companions to compose such Committee, viz:—R. E. Comp. Geo. W. Whitehead, F. Richardson and Geo. F. LaSerre.

The M. E. Z. informed Grand Chapter that he had lately received a communication from M. E. Comp. Captain Thompson Wilson, who was then in England on a visit, desiring he would take charge of his notice of motion, given at the last Annual Convocation, having reference to the dispensing with the veils in the ceremony of exaltation.

The Committee on Constitutions and Regulations, to whom was referred the consideration of the subject at this last Annual Convocation, verbally reported, recommending the continuation of the veils as at present recognized by the Grand Chapter.

The report of the Committee on Constitution and Regulations was, on motion, received and adopted.

The Grand Scribe E. submitted the following statement of monies received during the past year :—

THOMAS BIRD HARRIS, *Grand Scribe E., in account current with Grand Chapter.*

1861.	Dr.	$ cts.
Feb. 20—	To balace on hand	64 09
" 24—	The Hiram Chapter, No. 2, Hamilton,	27 50
" 24—	King Solomon's " No. 8, Toronto	92 00
March 5—	Mount Horeb " No. 21, Brantford	00 00
April 2—	Dorchester " No. 17, St. Johns'	37 00
May 3—	St. Andrew's " No. 4, Toronto	79 00
" 10—	Golden Rule " No. 9, Stanstead	13 00
June 10—	Grenville " U. D. Prescott	40 00
June 10—	St. George's " No. 5, London	9 00
Aug. 16—	Mount Moriah, " No. 19, St. Catharines	52 00
Oct. 25—	Carleton " No. 16, Ottawa	83 00
Jan, 27—	Carnarvon " No. 21, Montreal	45 00
Feb. 3—	Moira " No. 7, Belleville	33 00
" 15—	Ezra " U. D. Simcoe	40 00
" 15—	Stadacona " No. 13, Quebec	24 50
" 15—	St. John's " No. 3, London	48 00
	Constitution	00 25
" 18—	St. John's Chapter, No. 6, Hamilton	24 00
" 18—	Cataraqui " No. 12, Kingston	9 00
" 19—	Oxford " No. 18, Woodstock	50 00
	Balance down	45 76
		$826 10

1862.	Cr.	$ cts.	
	By Expenses Annual Convocation, Belleville	15 99	
March 13—	" John Ellis, Certificates	100 00	
May 3—	" F. Richardson, on account Jewels, &c.	79 00	
" 8—	" Printing Account for proceedings, &c.	108 00	
Oct. 18—	" Rordon account, engrossing Warrants	104 02	
" 18—	" Ellis, on account Certificates	100 00	
	" Postages, &c., &c.,	20 00	
	" Vote to Grand Scribe E. for services, 1860	300 00	
			$826 10
	By balance due Grand Scribe E.	$45 76	

The Special Committee to whom was referred the examination of the statements of the Grand Scribe E. together with the books of the Grand Chapter, submitted the following

REPORT:

To the Most Excellent Council.

Your Committee on Audit and Finance having examined the books, accounts, and vouchers of Grand Scribe E., beg leave to report that the same are found to be correct.

Your Committee likewise submit the following statement of liabilities by Grand Chapter, and recommend the same to be paid out of the first available funds :—

Gillespy's account due for printing	$ 62 50
John Ellis's account for diplomas	57 50
Eastwood & Co's. account for stationery	28 25
F. Richardson, balance due for collars and jewels	161 10
W. M. Wilson for cash advanced to defray expences of installing officer	20 00
	$329 35

Your Committee find there has been received an account of Grand Chapter for the past fiscal year, the sum of $780.34, and disbursements $826.10, leaving a balance due the Grand Scribe E. $45.76.

The following subordinate Chapters appear in arrears to Grand Chapter :—

No. 1.	—Ancient Frontenac for 1862	$ 9 00
" 4.	—St. Andrew's "	15 00
" 5.	—St George's "	00 50
" 8.	—King Solomon's "	109 00
" 9.	—Golden Rule, for 1861	9 00
" 10.	—Kilwinning, for 1859, $7 ; 1860, $9	16 00
" 11.	—Wilson, for 1860	10 00
" 14.	—Bedford District, for 3859, $40; 1860, $10	50 00
" 15.	—Wawanosh, for 1861	6 50
" 17.	—Dorchester, for 1862, balance	30 00
" 18.	—Oxford, for 1862	10 00
U.D.	—Carnarvon, for 1861	2 40
		$267 40

Your Committee recommend immediate steps be adopted to collect the above sums, especially from those Chapters so long in arrears.

The attention of your Committee has been particularly directed to the amount due by the "Bedford District" Chapter, which appears to be a charge for a Warrant, and from which Chapter the Grand Chapter has not received a return since its organization, in 1859.

The attention of this Chapter having been repeatedly directed to make its returns and payment, and to which no attention has been given. Your Committee, therefore, recommend that unless they perfect their returns and pay up their indebtedness within six months, that their Warrant be cancelled.

No returns appear to have been made by the undermentioned Chapters :—

No. 10.—Kilwinning	for 2 years.
" 11.—Wilson	" "
" 14.—Bedford District	since its formation.
" 15.—Wawanosh	for 1 year.
" 16.—Carleton	" "

Your Committee having applied to the Treasurer for his report find he has not kept any books connected with his office, and on enquiry learn the funds of the Grand Chapter have been generally received and disbursed by the Grand Scribe Ezra.

Your Committee beg to suggest that a different system be in future adopted, and that all monies paid on account of this Grand Chapter be handed over to the Grand Treasurer, to be disbursed by him under authority of Grand Chapter.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEORGE WHITEHEAD.
CHARLES KAHN.
A. HUNTINGTON.

The report from the Special Committee on Audit and Finance, was on motion, received and adopted.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the Reports of the Grand Superintendents of Districts, presented the following

REPORT:

To the Most Excellent Council and Companions of the Grand Chapter :

Your Committee to whom was referred the Reports of the Grand Superintendents of Districts, beg leave to state :

With reference to the Hamilton District, they are pleased to learn that the Royal Craft still continues in a flourishing condition, and that harmony reigns throughout its borders.

In reference to the appeal of Comp. H.J. Garrett of "The Hiram" Chapter, respecting his suspension for non-payment of dues, your Committee would recommend a confirmation of the action of "The Hiram" Chapter,but while doing so,cannot but regret that any Companion should be so far unmindful of his duty as to permit himself to run five years in arrears, without endeavoring to arrange the matter in a satisfactory manner.

The next report before your Committee is from the Grand Superintendent of the Central District.

Your Committee feel pleased that the disagreements among the Companions in the above district have been happily settled, and also feel much satisfaction at the prosperous condition of Royal Arch Masonry therein.

The report from the Eastern Townships coming next in order, your Committee are pleased to learn that the Grand Superintendent has hopes of improvement in the working of the Chapters in that district, and they have no doubt his anticipations will be more than realized during the coming year.

Your Committee regret that there is no written report from the Toronto district, but they are glad to learn from the verbal statement of the Grand Superintendent that the Chapters therein are in a flourishing condition.

Your Committee not having reports from the remaining districts'

of course cannot say anything about the progress of the Royal Craft therein. They regret that the Grand Superintendents of these districts should have omitted their reports.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES SEYMOUR.
WILLIAM DANIELL.
CHARLES KAHN.

The foregoing report, was on motion, received and adopted.

The M.E.Z. appointed E. Companions James M. Bennett and James Seymour scrutineers.

The hour having arrived for the election of Office-bearers for the ensuing Masonic term, the ballot was passed, and the following named Companions were declared duly elected:

M. E. Comp., John Charles Franck, re-elected Grand Z.
R. E. " George Frederick LaSerre, Grand H.
" " " David Curtis, Junr., Grand J.
" " " Thos. B. Harris, re-elected Grand Scribe E.
" " " Geo. W. Whitehead re-elected " N.
" " " James Moffatt, Grand Principal Sojourner.
" " " Marcellus Crombie, Grand Treasurer.
" " " Oliver Gable, Grand Registrar.
" " " James Foreman, Grand Janitor.

Nominated by the Chapters of their respective districts, as Superintendents, and approved by the M. E. Z.

R. E. Comp. Edwin Heathfield .....London District.
" " Charles Kahn .....Wilson "
" " Charles Magill.....Hamilton "
" " Francis Richardson .....Toronto "
" " James A. Henderson.....Central "
" " George T. Morehouse....Eastern Townships.
" " Richard Pope.....Quebec "

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment, to meet at 2.30 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Chapter resumed its sittings at 4-30 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Principals, as before,

On the Throne.

Grand Officers and Representatives.

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the examination of Expulsions and Suspensions by Grand Lodge, submitted the following

REPORT:

To the Most Excellent Council and Excellent Companions of Grand Chapter.

Your Committee to whom was referred the Examination of the list of Craft Masonic Expulsions and Suspensions, beg leave to report,—

That from the difficulty of arriving at correct conclusions, owing to their not having before them a list of the members of each Chapter in affiliation with this Grand Body, they are unable to submit such a list of Suspensions and Expulsions as could be acted upon by this Grand Chapter. They would therefore recommend that a resolution, meeting the case, be passed at the present Convocation, and that the Grand Scribe E. notify all Chapters accordingly.

All which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES KAHN.
JAMES MOFFAT.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. E. Heathfield, seconded by R. E. Comp. D. Curtis,—

That the Report from the Special Committee on Expulsions and Suspensions be received and adopted.

It was moved by V. E. Comp. James Seymour, seconded by E. Comp. Charles Kahn and adopted.

That the Grand Scribe E. notify the M. E. Z. of all Companions suspended and expelled from their Craft Masonic functions, by the Grand Lodge of Canada, since the organization of this Grand Chapter, and the M. E. Z. shall thereupon on behalf of this Grand Chapter, suspend or expel such Companions from their Arch Masonic privileges for the period whilst such Craft suspensions or expulsions continues in force.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. E. Heathfield, seconded by R. E. Comp. W.B. Simpson and unanimously adopted,

That the sum of Seventy-five pounds ($300) be paid from the funds of Grand Chapter to the Grand Scribe E. for services rendered during the past year.

R. E. Comp. W. B. Simpson, gave the following notice, that he would move at the next Convocation of the Grand Chapter, that section 15 of the Constitution to be altered and amended as follows :—

When the Grand Lodge or any competent authority in the Craft shall suspend or expel any brother who is a Royal Arch Mason, the M. E. Z. shall immediately, on such suspension or expulsion being communicated to him by the Grand Lodge, direct the Grand Scribe E. to notify the subordinate Chapters of the suspension or expulsion, as the case may be, of the said Companion from his Arch Masonic functions.

R. E. Comp. Thomas B. Harris, Chairman of the Committee, to whom was referred the preparation of an Address of Condolence, to be presented to Her Most

Gracious Majesty, having reference to Her late sad bereavement, summitted the following for the approval of Grand Chapter :—

To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN.

WE, your Majesty's loyal and most devoted subjects, The Grand Council, Grand Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, in Grand Convocation assembled, with every feeling of humility and respect, approach your Royal presence to offer our unfeigned and sincere Condolence, with your Majesty on the late sad bereavement with which it has pleased the great "I AM," in HIS inscrutable wisdom to afflict your Majesty, by removing from this earthly tabernacle your Majesty's Royal Consort, whose memory will be long cherished in the hearts of every devoted subject of your Majesty's Canadian colony.

WE pray that the great "JEHOVAH" will continue His benign influence and protection to your Majesty's Royal Person and Family and grant to your Majesty consolation under this most severe affliction and long spare your Majesty to reign over your most loyal affectionate and devoted subjects.

Signed on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

By Command.

All which is respectfully submitted,

THOS. B. HARRIS, *Chairman.*

It was moved by V. E. Comp. James Seymour, seconded by R. E. Comp. George W. Whitehead, and unanimously resolved,—

That the address of Condolence to Her Most Gracious Majesty, now ready, be adopted, and that the M. E. Z. be authorized to have the same engrossed, to be transmitted to Her Majesty through the proper channel with all necessary dispatch.

The M. E. Z. was pleased to make the following appointments to offices in Grand Chapter for the ensuing Masonic term :—

V. E. Comp.		James M. Rogerson,	Grand	1st Ass't Sojourner.
"	"	E. H. Parker,	"	2nd " "
"	"	James Wilson,	"	Sword Bearer.
"	"	Chas. W. Matheson,	"	Standard Bearer.
"	"	Cornelius J. Starling,	"	Dir. of Ceremonies.
"	"	James Seymour,	"	Organist.
"	"	Arunah Huntington	"	Pursuivant.
"	"	Edwin Morris,	"	Stewards.
"	"	H. P. Brumel,	"	
"	"	Angus Grant,	"	
"	"	E. J. Barker,	"	

The M.E.Z. proceeded with the installation of the elected and appointed officers present, who were invested and proclaimed with the usual masonic forms.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment, to meet at 8 o'clock A. M., to-morrow, (Friday).

FRIDAY, February 21st, 1862.

The Grand Chapter resumed its sittings at 11 o'clock, A.M.

M. E. Comp. John Charles Franck, ... Grand Z.
R. E. " George F. LaSerre, ... " H.
" " " David Curtis, ... " J.

On the Throne.

Grand Officers and Representatives.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. E. Heathfield, seconded by R. E. Comp. William Daniell, and adopted,—

That the sum of eight dollars (8.00) be paid the Grand Janitor, for services rendered.

It was moved by V. E. Comp. James Seymour, seconded by R. E. Comp. George W. Whitehead, and adopted,—

That the Grand Scribe E. be hereby instructed to write to all Chapters in arrears requiring immediate payment of all fees due by them to this Grand Chapter, at the present time ; and should payment thereof not be made within one month after such application, that the Grand Superintendents of Districts be then requested to enforce payment of the same.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. James Seymour, seconded by R. E. Comp. George W. Whitehead, and adopted,—

Whereas the resources of Grand Chapter have proved insufficient to defray the past necessary outlay in procuring Warrants, Certificates, Books, Jewels, &c., &c., and the amount now past due having to be met without delay ; it is deemed expedient, and the Grand Scribe E. is hereby authorized to make application to each subordinate Chapter, desiring that it should without delay, advance to the Grand Chapter, the sum of forty dollars ($40.00) for the immediate settlement of all outstanding liabilities against the Grand Chapter, the amount so advanced to be placed at the credit

of the Chapter, to be allowed on future returns of Fees and Dues that may accrue and become payable to Grand Chapter.

R. E. Comp. F. Richardson, on behalf of the Special Committee appointed to make enquiries into the standing of "St. John's" Chapter, No. 209, I. R., London, verbally reported that the evidence submitted for their consideration being of such a very conflicting nature, and as the time at their disposal did not admit of a further prosecution of their labors they feel compelled respectfully to decline recommending any particular line of action for the adoption of Grand Chapter, and beg to be discharged.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. E. Heathfield, seconded by R. E. Comp. William Daniell, and resolved,—

That the verbal report of the Committee be accepted and that they be relieved of their duty.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. E. Heathfield, seconded by E. Comp. James M. Bennett, and adopted,—

That a Special Committee be appointed to take up the investigation with regard to the standing of "St. John's" Chapter, No. 209, London, to report thereon at an early date, to the M. E. Council.

The M.E.Z. appointed the following named Companions to compose said Committee, viz :—

R. E. Comps. Thomas B. Harris, G. W. Whitehead and D. Curtis.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. Charles Kahn, seconded by R. E. Comp. Thomas J. Angel, and resolved,—

Whereas it is deemed expedient that an examination of the Ritual as at present recognized by this Grand Chapter should be made, with the view to a slight modification of the same ; a Committee be named to take the same into

consideration, to report thereon at a future period, to the M. E. Z.

The M. E. Z. placed the matter in the hands of the Grand Scribe E., with power to consult and add to the Committee.

The labors of the Grand Chapter being ended, it was closed in Ample form.

[ATTEST.]

Thos. B. Harris

G. S. E.

IN MEMORY OF

Excellent Companion Thomas Gibbs Ridout,

INITIATED INTO MASONRY IN THE ST. ANDREW'S LODGE, TORONTO,
On the 19th March, A. L., 5823.

DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER, FOR UPPER CANANDA,
From A. L., 5845, to A. L., 5857.

CREATED AN HONORARY PAST GRAND MASTER OF THE GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF CANADA,
A. L., 5859.

FIRST PRINCIPAL Z., ST. ANDREW'S CHAPTER, TORONTO,
A. I., 2348, to A. I., 2355.

EMINENT COMMANDER OF THE GEOFFREY DE ST. ALDEMAR ENCAMPMENT, TORONTO,
A. O., 739.

PAST DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND COMMANDER OF THE PROVINCIAL GRAND CONCLAVE OF ENGLAND AND WALES, IN CANADA,

DIED

30th JULY, A. L., 5861,

Aged

In his 69th Year.

Died,

COMPANION

Thomas Chandler Sterling,

September 19th, 1861,

St. JOHN'S CHAPTER, No. 6, HAMILTON.

—

COMPANIONS

Hon. Edmund Murney,

15th August, 1861.

Jonathan Sisson,

23d January, 1862,

MOIRA CHAPTER, No. 7, BELLEVILLE.

—

COMPANION

Frederick Parsons,

7th January, 1862,

MOUNT MORIAH CHAPTER, No. 19, St. CATHARINES.

—

COMPANIONS

Thomas Hutchinson,

July, 1861,

William Davidson,

At Sea, 1861,

KING SOLOMON'S CHAPTER, No. 8, TORONTO.

RETURNS

OF

SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS,

RENDERED 31st JANUARY, A.D., 1862.

No. 1.—ANCIENT FRONTENAC CHAPTER, KINGSTON.

ESTABLISHED—A.D., 1797.

Stated Meetings—third Tuesday in every month.

OFFICERS.

R.E. Comp. W. B. Simpson, Z
V. " " E. H. Parker, H
" " C. D. Macdonnell, J
" John A. Wilson, Scribe E

Number of Members..... 56.

No. 2.—THE HIRAM CHAPTER, HAMILTON.

ESTABLISHED—A.D., 1820.

Stated Meetings—first Monday of every month.

OFFICERS.

V. E. Comp. James M. Rogerson, Z
" " William Irwin, H
" " W. W. Pringle, J
" Joseph Curran, Scribe E

Number of Members..... 58.

No. 3.—ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, LONDON.

ESTABLISHED—A.D., 1844.

Stated Meetings—third Friday of every month.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp. James Moffatt, Z
" " William Gordon, H
" " William Moore, J
" John Smart, Scribe E.

Number of Members..... 43.

No. 4.—ST. ANDREW'S CHAPTER, TORONTO.

ESTABLISHED—A.D., 1847.

Stated Meetings—third Wednesday in Jan., April, July and Oct.

OFFICERS.

V. E. Comp.	W. G. Storm,	Z
" "	W. F. McMaster,	H
" "	James Jackson,	J
"	H. P. Brumel,	Scribe E

Number of members..... 112

No. 5.—ST. GEORGE'S CHAPTER, LONDON.

ESTABLISHED,—A. D., 1854.

Stated Meetings—fourth Friday in Feb., May, August and Sept.

OFFICERS.

E. Comp.	James M. Bennett,	Z
" "	P. J. Dunn,	H
" "	A. G. Smith,	J
" "	T. F. McMullen,	Scribe E

Number of Members..... 24

No. 6.—ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, HAMILTON.

ESTABLISHED—A. D., 1855.

Stated Meetings—second Thursday of every month.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp.	Thos. B. Harris,	Z
V. " "	Thomas McCraken,	H
" "	John W. Murton,	J
"	T. C. Macnabb,	Scribe E

Number of Members ..... 45.

No. 7.—MOIRA CHAPTER, BELLEVILLE.

ESTABLISHED—A. D., 1856.

Stated Meetings—first Tuesday of every month.

OFFICERS.

M. E. Comp.	John C. Franck,	Z
R. " "	L. H. Henderson,	H
" " "	John A. Macinnes,	J
"	Donald Moodie,	Scribe E

Number of Members ..... 57.

No. 8.—KING SOLOMON'S CHAPTER, TORONTO.

ESTABLISHED—A. D., 1857.

Stated Meetings—first Friday of every month.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp.	Oliver Gable,	Z
V. " "	Daniel Spry,	H
" " "	James Adams,	J
"	Arthur D. Lamb, Scribe	E

Number of Members ..... 85.

No. 9.—GOLDEN RULE CHAPTER, STANSTEAD.

ESTABLISHED—A. D., 1858.

Stated Meetings—Tuesday on or before full moon, in March, June, September and December.

OFFICERS.

E. Comp.	W. B. Colby,	Z
" "	A. P. Ball,	H
" "	C. E. Stearns,	J
"	C. H. Kathan, Scribe	E

Number of Members ..... 28.

No. 10.—KILWINNING CHAPTER, LONDON.

ESTABLISHED—A. D., 1858.

Stated Meetings—first Monday in February, May, Aug. and Nov.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp.	William Daniell,	Z	No Return for 1860-1-2
		H	
		J	
"	W. G. Chambers, Scribe	E	

Number of Members ..... 18.

No. 11.—WILSON CHAPTER, WINDSOR.

ESTABLISHED—A. D., 1859.

Stated Meetings—first Monday of every month.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp.	W. J. Spicer,	Z	No Return for 1860-1-2
" "	Thomas Boddy,	H	
" "	Edwin Watson,	J	

Number of Members ..... 20.

No. 12.—CATARAQUI CHAPTER, KINGSTON.

ESTABLISHED, A.D., 1850.—AFFILIATED, 1859.

Stated Meetings—second Monday in February, May, August and November.

OFFICERS.

V. E. Comp. Edward J. Barker, Z
" " Henry Dumble, H
" " Stanislaus H. Blondheim, J
" Alex. M. Brown, Scribe E

Number of Members 17

No. 13.—STADACONA CHAPTER, QUEBEC.

ESTABLISHED, A.D., 1854.—AFFILIATED, 1859.

Stated Meetings—second Thursday in Jan., April, July and Oct.

OFFICERS.

E. Comp. Alexander Duncan, Z
" " Thomas Lambert, H
" " William Sweatman, J
" Henry T. Willis, Scribe E

Number of members 54

No. 14.—BEDFORD DISTRICT CHAPTER, DUNHAM.

ESTABLISHED—A. D., 1859.

Stated Meetings—Tuesday preceding full moon of every month.

OFFICERS.

E. Comp. David Brown, Z
" " Rev. Joseph Scott, H
" " William M. Pattison, J
} No Return since formation.

Number of Members ..... 12.

No. 15.—WAWANOSH CHAPTER, SARNIA.

ESTABLISHED—A. D., 1859.

Stated Meetings—second Friday in Jan., April, July and Oct.

OFFICERS.

V. E. Comp. George Masson, Z
" " William P. Vidal, H
" " William Burness, J
" H. D. Stewart, Scribe E
} No Return for 1862.

Number of Members..... 17.

No. 16.—CARLETON CHAPTER, OTTAWA.

ESTABLISHED—A.D., 1859.

Stated Meetings—second Wednesday in March, June, Sept. and Dec.

OFFICERS.

E. Comp.	P. Pearson Harris,	Z
" "	Isaac B. Taylor,	H
" "	Donald M. Grant,	J
" "	Geo. B. Pelham, Scribe	E

Number of Members ..... 57.

No. 17.—DORCHESTER CHAPTER, ST. JOHNS'.

ESTABLISHED—A.D., 1860.

Stated Meetings—first Thursday of every month.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp.	George T. Morehouse,	Z
" "	W. A. Osgoode,	H
" "	Francis Pruyn,	J
"	A. K. Laviscount, Scribe	E

Number of Members 29

No. 18.—OXFORD CHAPTER, WOODSTOCK.

ESTABLISHED—A. D., 1860.

Stated Meetings—first Friday of every month.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp.	George W. Whitehead,	Z
" "	R. A. Woodcock,	H
" "	Burton Bennett,	J
"	A. McCleneghan, Scribe	E

Number of Members 30

No. 19.—MOUNT MORIAH CHAPTER, ST. CATHARINES.

ESTABLISHED—A. D., 1861.

Stated Meeting—Friday, on or after full moon of every month.

OFFICERS.

V. E. Comp.	James Seymour,	Z
" "	Edwin Goodman,	H
" "	Charles Peters Camp,	J
"	William McGhie, Scribe	E

Number of Members 27

No. 20.—MOUNT HOREB CHAPTER, BRANTFORD.

ESTABLISHED—A. D., 1861.

Stated Meetings—first Wednesday of every month.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp. David Curtis, Jun., Z
" " Arunah Huntington, H
" " Edward R. Sullivan, J
" J.W. Lethbridge, Scribe E

Number of Members 12

No. 21.—CAERNARVON CHAPTER, MONTREAL.

ESTABLISHED—A. D., 1861.

Stated Meetings—third Thursday in Feb., May, Aug., and Nov.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp. A. Bernard, Z
" " Lawrence L. Levy, H
" " George Towner, J
" Henry Benjamin, Scribe E.

Number of Members 25

No. 22.—GRENVILLE CHAPTER, PRESCOTT.

ESTABLISHED—A. D., 1861.

Stated Meetings—first Wednesday in Jan., April, July and Oct.

OFFICERS.

V. E. Comp. Munuel Northrup, Z
" " Henry A. Sims, H
" " William H. Brouse, J
" Angus Grant, Scribe E

Number of Members 18

No. 23.—EZRA CHAPTER, SIMCOE.

ESTABLISHED—A. D., 1861.

Stated Meetings—second Wednesday of every month.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp. Charles Kahn, Z
" " Charles W. Matheson H
" John Clarke, J

Number of Members 12

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER.

1862–3.

M. E. Comp.	John Charles Franck,	Grand	Z.	Grand Council.
R. " "	George F. LaSerre,	"	H.	Grand Council.
" " "	David Curtis,	"	J.	Grand Council.
" " "	Thomas Bird Harris,	"	Scribe E.	
" " "	George W. Whitehead,	"	" N.	
" " "	James Moffatt,	"	Principal Sojourner.	
" " "	Marcellus Crombie,	"	Treasurer.	
" " "	Oliver Gable,	"	Registrar.	
V. " "	Jas. M. Rogerson,	"	First Ass't Sojourner.	
" " "	E. H. Parker,	"	Second " "	
" " "	James Wilson,	"	Sword Bearer.	
" " "	Charles W. Matheson,	"	Standard Bearer.	
" " "	Cornelius J. Starling,	"	Dir. of Ceremonies.	
" " "	James Seymour,	"	Organist.	
" " "	Arunah Huntington,	"	Pursuivant.	
" " "	Edwin Morris,	"	Stewards.	
" " "	H. P. Brumel,	"	Stewards.	
" " "	Angus Grant,	"	Stewards.	
" " "	E. J. Barker,	"	Stewards.	
"	James Foreman,	"	Janitor.	

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS OF DISTRICTS

R. E. Comp.	Edwin Heathfield	*London*	*District.*
" " "	Charles Kahn	*Wilson*	"
" " "	Charles Magill	*Hamilton*	"
" " "	Francis Richardson	*Toronto*	"
" " "	James A. Henderson	*Central*	"
" " "	G. T. Morehouse	*Eas'n Town'ps*	"
" " "	Richard Pope	*Quebec,*	"

LIST OF GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS,

WITH THE

NAMES AND RESIDENCES OF GRAND SCRIBES, E.

England	Wm. Grey Clarke	London.
Scotland	L. Mackersy	Edinburgh.
Ireland	Hon. Geo. Handcock	Dublin.
Alabama	Daniel Sayre	Montgomery.
Arkansas	James W. Finley	Little Rock.
California	L. C. Owens	San Francisco.
Canada	Thos. B. Harris	Hamilton.
Connecticut	E. G. Storer	New Haven.
Florida	John B. Taylor	Tallahassee.
Georgia	B. B. Russell	Augusta.
Indiana	Francis King	Indianapolis.
Illinois	H. G. Reynolds	Springfield.
Iowa	W. B. Langridge	Muscatine.
Kentucky	P. Swigert	Frankfort.
Louisiana	Samuel G. Risk	New Orleans.
Maine	Ira Berry	Portland.
Maryland	W. Morris Smith	Washington.
Massachusetts	Thomas Waterman	Boston.
Michigan	J. Eastman Johnson	White Pigeon.
Minnesota	A. T. C. Pierson	St. Paul's.
Mississippi	R. W. T. Daniel	Jackson.
Missouri	A. O'Sullivan	St. Louis.
New Hampshire	Horace Chase	Hopkinton.
New York	J. O. Cole	Albany.
New Jersey	J. Woolverton	Trenton.
North Carolina	Thomas B. Carr	Wilmington.
Ohio	John D. Caldwell	Cincinnati.
Pennsylvania	Wm. H. Adams	Philadelphia.
Rhode Island	Samuel B. Swan	Providence.
South Carolina	E. Thayer	Charleston.
Tennessee	C. A. Fuller	Nashville.
Texas	A. S. Ruthven	Galveston.
Vermont	John B. Hollenbeck	Burlington.
Virginia	John Dove	Richmond.
Wisconsin	W. T. Palmer	Milwaukee.

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